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# I.B.E.W. *Salutes the* GLASS BOTTLE BLOWERS ASSOCIATION

THE A. F. of L. sister union we salute this month has a history more than a century old, and its members ply a trade that dates back to about 3500 B. C.

Civilization as we know it today could not exist without glass. A world without windows, jars and bottles, eye glasses and electric lights would be strange indeed. The skilled employes responsible for producing most of the world's supply of glass containers are members of the Glass Bottle Blowers Association.

Just as the glass industry has grown and improved through the years, so has the union expanded since its origin 111 years ago. It has weathered most successfully the dangers of machine production and competition. It has increased from 10,000 members in 1920 before the industry was mechanized to 46,000 today and is increasing daily.

Recently the Glass Bottle Blowers Association announced the purchase of an 18-story Philadelphia skyscraper for its international headquarters. Under the leadership of President Minton, Vice President Dalton and Secretary Black, the Glass Blowers look forward with confidence and security to the years ahead.



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The main street of Pocatello, the county seat of Bannock County, is central shopping spot for Idahoans for miles around this community.

**M**ORE than a hundred years ago, Indians, seeing the dawn come up in glory over the mountains of the state we salute this month, shouted "Ee-da-how!" which means literally, "Look the sun is coming down the mountains." And they gave this name which we pronounce "Idaho" to the territory that was to become our "Gem" State. They named it well, for Idaho is truly a Sunrise State, rich in natural resources and natural beauty, young and vibrant and still unspoiled by the thoroughness of civilization — Idaho has still only experienced the morning of her existence. The sun that looked down on the Idaho of 1800 still looks down on rugged mountains, verdant timberland, thundering falls, lakes which abound with the greatest supplies of fish in the world, forest land teeming with game, rich mines, quiet grazing country, rivers with gorges and cascades. One writer carried away with the thrilling beauty of it all, calls this state "miraculous, majestic, mountainous, marvelous Idaho" and insists it is called the "gem" state because it "wears a tiara of 1700 sapphire lakes and a necklace of 6,000 crystal streams." Yes, the state we bring to you this month on the pages of your JOURNAL and the city we spotlight, are pretty wonderful and we are proud to tell you about them and about our own union people there.

First, a little about the State of Idaho itself and its history.

Idaho is a Rocky Mountain

## Spotlight on Pocatello



Pocatello is a rail junction, as is readily seen in this aerial view of the city. It is also a thriving trade, manufacturing and educational center for area.







New growth means new schools so Ed Norby is busy wiring an elementary school for Idaho.



Idaho needs irrigation so apprentice Bob Dykman wires a pump motor on job at Pocatello's C. L. Electric Shop.



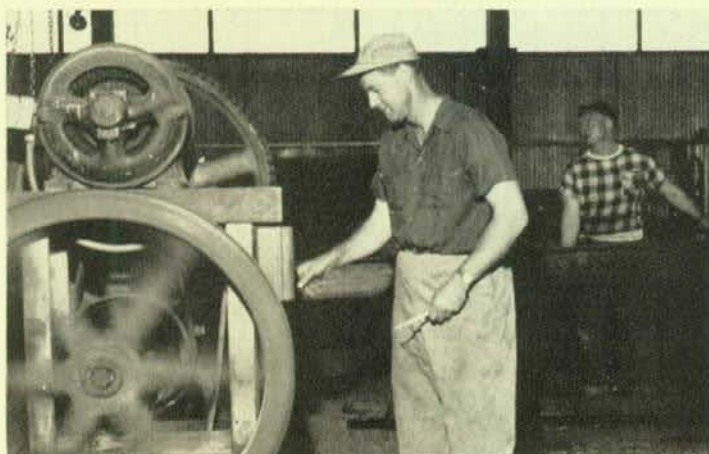
At the city's radio station, KWIK, Bro. Harold Judge of L.U. 449 adjusts level of a modulation monitor at transmitter.

State, lying west of the Rockies. It is some 83,000 square miles in area, about the size of England and Scotland combined. It is bounded on the north by Montana and British Columbia, on the east by Montana and Wyoming, on the south by Utah and Nevada, and on the west by Oregon and Washington. The Bitterroot Mountains and the Continental Divide are between it and Montana. Idaho is extremely mountainous and full of gorges. Mt. Borah in the Sawtooth Mountains is the highest point, 12,665 feet. Its Snake River drains into the Columbia, running through Hell's Canyon which averages 5,510 feet for over 40 miles. At one point it is 7,900 feet deep exceeding the depth of Grand Canyon. The Snake River is noted for several beautiful waterfalls especially Shoshone Falls—"The Niagara of the West." 43 feet higher than Niagara, these falls did not suffer by comparison with the mighty Niagara until extensive irrigation which literally "made a desert bloom" diminished the volume of water in the Snake.

There are 30 irrigation dams in Idaho.

Idaho is noted as a mineral state. It has rich deposits in the following order: lead, silver, gold, zinc, copper and cobalt.

Thirty-nine percent of Idaho's area is in forests. Thus it is a



Typical of the heavy industry is the work at Bannock Steel and Tank Company. Here Bro. A. F. Kidd adjusts motor control.



The officers of Local 449, Pocatello. First row, left to right: J. W. Terry, L. C. Jenkins, Edwin L. Hanke and G. O. Webb. In the second row, also left to right, are: Eddie Trujillo, C. D. Redfield, L. R. Walker and Harlan Smith.





IBEW technician reporting for work at city's progressive radio station.

leading state in lumber production and the largest lumber mill in the world is located at Lewiston.

Idaho also ranks high in wool production.

While we do not think of Idaho as an agricultural state, actually in dollars, agriculture is her leading industry, with dairying and livestock production high on her resources list also. Hay, barley, wheat, sugar beets and, of course, potatoes of unusual size, are the principal crops. There is one other important agricultural product we must mention. On one small portion of fertile land, much of it volcanic ash recaptured from the desert by irrigation, Idaho grows more than one-third of all the vegetable seeds produced in the United States.

No account of Idaho's natural resources could be complete without a mention of her hunting preserves. A state favored by huntsman, Idaho abounds in wolf, lynx, moose, antelope, cougar, black, brown and grizzly bear (sometimes weighing 600 pounds). Twenty thousand elk and 100,000 deer are normal numbers for the state. Fish are plentiful and Idaho is



Pocatello and the surrounding country are great rodeo spots and here two apprentices are having difficulties with a reluctant steer. Kids start twisting tails of calves in the lot before they start school.



Bro. Joe Williams, who works at Billz Sign Shop, is a study in concentration as he bends tube.

Left: Joe Williams (behind the pole), Jim Curzon and Dale Empey on winch, erect a neon sign at one of city's modern motels.

Below: Brothers John Wardman and Gene Adamson repair generator used for lighting on dragline.

the home of the Kamloop rainbow—largest trout in the world, while pheasant, duck, partridge and grouse abound. At the risk of sounding like a Chamber of Commerce representative, we have to say it's a sportsman's utopia.

Now for history. Idaho has a fascinating story to tell—we only wish space would permit a detailed account.

It was on August 12, 1805 that Lewis and Clark led their expedi-





tion into Idaho. The first white men to set foot on Idaho soil were Meriwether Lewis, John Shields, George Drewyer and Hugh M'Neal. Accounts of this expedition record that George Drewyer crossed what was to be the future boundary of Idaho carrying the Stars and Stripes in his hand. Thus Idaho became the only state in our history to have a "flag day" on the first day of its recorded history. Another significant point which will interest our readers, Idaho is the only state in the Un-

ion over which the flag of no nation save the United States has ever flown.

The story of the Lewis and Clark expedition and its entry into Idaho is bound up with that of Sacajawea, the beautiful young Indian girl known as the "bird-woman" who with her papoose on her back, showed Lewis and Clark the way, searching out food for them and protecting them from Indian raids, for by her presence the Indians knew that the expedition was a peaceful one since

women and children never travelled with Indian war parties.

From the time of Lewis and Clark on, the history of Idaho is a thrilling story of rugged pioneers who carved a civilization out of the wilderness and yet in so doing they left enough of the primitive areas to allow men ever to have a retreat from the weary bustle of civilization. There are sections of Idaho which have been set aside as wilderness inviolate, and provide a wonderland of natural beauty, abundant with fish and game.

Speaking of game, much of Idaho's early history is the story of fur traders—in which money-crazed men slew hundreds of thousands of animals for their pelts and engaged in bitter battles with the Indians whose lands and rights were violated. That is the



A coach which operated into Pocatello until 1882 is still in operating condition and is here participating in a rodeo parade. The line ran from Butte, Montana, to the Idaho center.



Since Pocatello is in the center of a vast grain-producing country and at the same time is a rail center, several firms have spotted huge grain elevators such as this in the city.



Above: Ronald Evans, apprentice employed at Mountain Electric Co., busily reclaims fixtures from temporary cables.

Below: Leo Howard, vice chairman of the Idaho Falls unit of L.U. 449, with Gene Adamson makes adjustments to equipment in tunnel through a mountain on Palisades Dam project on Snake River.







Left: Horseback riding in the Mink Creek Recreational Area near Pocatello. Riding, camping, hunting and fishing are all conveniently at hand.

sad chapter of Idaho's story. The others are glorious chapters in which thousands of intrepid pioneers journeyed over the Oregon Trail and assisted in securing for America the rich lands that we now know as the states of Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

In the summer of 1860, Captain E. D. Pierce discovered gold on a small stream issuing from Clearwater River and this discovery brought a new influx of pioneers into the Gem state.

There are many names to be remembered in Idaho's early history. David Thompson followed Lewis and Clark into Idaho, just four years after the first expedition. He built the first house in Idaho and called it Kullyspell House.

Jason Lee, a Canadian, was the first minister of the Gospel in Idaho. He and a small band of Methodist missionaries were the first to bring religious services into a pagan land destined to become a state filled with Christian homes and churches.

The Idaho Indian chief who did not *begin* the long procession of Indian wars in Idaho, but who did *end* them, should be remembered. He was Joseph, Chief of the Nez Percé Indians.

His people were weary of war and in October of the year 1877 Chief Joseph surrendered his rifle to General Miles at Bear Paw Mountain in Montana and stated "From where the sun stands, I will fight no more forever." And this was the dawn of a new era and the beginning of the modern state of Idaho. It was admitted to

the Union July 3, 1890. Its population at the time of our 1950 census was 588,000. Its capital is Boise, city of beautiful trees and from whence it gets its name. (When Captain Bonneville and his *voyageurs* viewed the wooded area between desert and mountain that is now Boise, they shouted "*Voyez les bois!*"—"See the forest." and Boise the site became.)

But enough about the State—there is so much more we might tell you, but after all our spotlight is on Pocatello which certainly has a full story of its own to tell.

Pocatello is the second city of Idaho, and called the "Gate City" since it is the principal gateway by rail, air or highway to the Pacific Northwest.

The musical, rhythmic name of the city, Pocatello, was given it in honor of a friendly Indian chief who secured the consent of his tribe for the transfer of rights of way and building sites within the reservation for the Utah Northern railway. Pocatello in 1882 when the railroad went through was just a tent city, but it was destined to become a great railroad center, one of the largest west of the Mississippi. There are many interesting marks of individuality about the delightful city of Pocatello and one is the Indian name itself. You may find Pittsburgs all over the country and Alexandrias in Virginia and Louisiana and Egypt, and Birminghams in Alabama and England, and two or more Portlands and Bangors and Washingtons, but in all the world there is only one "Pocatello."

There are few cities anywhere in



The office of L.U. 449 with Business Manager L. C. Jenkins seated at desk.



International Representative Lee Anderson is pictured behind his desk at headquarters of Eighth District.



August Rosqvist, honored at banquet, played an important part in building the union movement in early Pocatello.



Right: Sun Valley has no monopoly on fine ski slopes say Pocatellans. The view at right is slope near the city.



A member of L.U. 449 stops by the window of the office to pay his monthly dues to off. sec. Eva Evans, which makes it about as painless as is humanly possible.



our country in which so much of the old and the new are blended as in Pocatello. It is a modern, progressive, industrial city and an outstanding transportation center, and yet go a few miles from town and you find primitive areas and Indian settlements and rugged mountain territory which have always been symbolic of the Old West.

And here is an especial note on Pocatello which we liked and our readers will like. Everybody works in Pocatello. It is a truly democratic city, without a leisure class and with practically no destitute poor. Pocatello is a workingman's city.

We described briefly how Pocatello was born—as an offspring of the railroad and erected at the junction point of the Union Pacific and the Utah and Northern Railway. Today it is one of Union Pacific's three largest terminals.



The newly-erected labor temple at Pocatello provides attractive offices and adequate meeting halls for many local unions, including Local 449.



William McLaughlin, president and B.M. of L.U. 582, and L. C. Jenkins, B.M. of Local 449, formerly worked together in same shop.



Vice President W. C. Wright dictates to his secretary, Mrs. Margaret Somsen, in his office at Eighth District Headquarters in Pocatello. The District offices are conveniently located in the business section.





Above: Pocatello is also the home of Idaho State College. One of the many attractive buildings is pictured here.

Surrounded by rich farming land, Pocatello is strangely enough not an agricultural but an industrial city. Some of its industries include cheese processing plants, livestock and poultry feed mills, a large flour mill with elevator capacity of over 700,000 bushels, the only major petroleum refinery in the state which produces in excess of 41,000,000 gallons, a modern Portland Cement plant, the Westvaco Chemical Plant, and many more. Uncle Sam has established a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Supply Depot and a \$35,000,000 Naval Ordnance Plant, now being held only on a standby basis.

So much for a brief look at Pocatello, the industrial. Now as far as Pocatello the cultural is concerned, there are 30 churches, four libraries, an exceptionally fine public school system with 10 public schools and a modern new million dollar high school and numerous private, religious and business schools, as well as Idaho State College.

The visitor to Pocatello will want to visit Frazier Hall on the University grounds and see the historical museum there featuring Idaho records, relics and specimens. He will want to see pleasant Ross Park with its grassy lawns, swimming pool, zoo, playgrounds and one of the finest golf courses to be found anywhere.

And no one can stay long in Pocatello without being invited on one of the delightful "canyon parties" which usually turns out to be a steak fry, way up in the mountains in one of the most beautiful wooded areas ever seen. And that brings up the question

of the people of Pocatello—all 26,000 of them. It is the people of a city that make it what it is, and the impression we got of Pocatello's populace can be described in one word—"wonderful!" They are friendly, hard-working, alert, and while cultured, have no pretense about them. They are "what they are" and that is enough for them. A lot of the old pioneer stamina has persisted in the Pocatellans of today. They get things done and when obstacles arise they go around them or through them or over them—but nothing stands in their way.

We heard a story while we were in Pocatello about one of the pioneers. We'd like to tell it to you here. A young man landed a contract to carry mail to a post office away up in the mountains, miles from a railroad. He had horses and the proposition looked like pretty good business. However, there was a clause in the contract that stated that if the mail was late, the fee would not be paid. All went well until the heavy

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Above: At Bannock Memorial Hospital, Art Krebs of Mountain Electric Co. checks refrigeration unit.

Right: Coin-operated radios were installed in hospital rooms by members of L.U. 449. Here nurse adjusts the volume for a patient.



Below: An exterior view of Pocatello's up-to-date hospital, for which L.U. 449 members did wiring.





Bro. Cliff Noxon, just returned from Israel, tells about Point 4 Program.



# PROGRESS

## AT Pocatello MEETING

EIGHTH

DISTRICT

MEETING

tion of Vice President W. C. Wright and his able staff.

There were a number of significant points which characterized this meet—one of which was the fine packet of material made available to every delegate, which included a comparative wage survey attractively illustrated with comprehensive charts. A second innovation was the conducting of a certain portion of the meeting, that which pertained to his particular field, by each of the International Representatives of the Eighth District staff.

We shall now summarize for you briefly, the story of the Pocatello Progress Meet.

As has been the custom this year, the first day's sessions were given over to the problems of financial secretaries. In the absence of International Secretary Milne, who was in Europe attending the British Trades Union Congress, this part of the program was under the direction of William



City Commissioner Ray Hunter and Vice Pres. W. C. Wright gave greetings.

**T**HE Bannock Hotel, Pocatello, Idaho was the scene of one of the liveliest and most interesting Progress Meetings of our '53 series.

On August 7, 8 and 9, some 75 delegates from Colorado, Montana, Idaho, Utah and Wyoming, the states which comprise the Eighth District, carried on a most profitable session under the direc-



International Representative Carl Bechtold outlined work of unionists with government.



William W. Robbins, Director of Research, uses charts to tell about services of International.



All during the course of the meeting delegates seized the opportunity to discuss their progress and problems.





International Representative Frank Graham stressed to the delegates the importance of insisting on the one per cent payments by contractors to the pension benefit fund.

The inside and sign industry in 8th District was discussed by International Rep. Belisle.



International Executive Council Member Charles J. Fohn spoke at the meeting.



W. Robbins, Assistant to the Secretary and Director of Research.

During the morning, the explanation and discussion of the International Office Routine Circulars, was interrupted briefly for an address by International Executive Council Member Charles Fohn who came in from San Francisco to attend the meeting and because of the press of business had to return to California on Friday night. Mr. Fohn made a strong appeal for support for Labor's League for Political Education. He also urged every delegate to return to his home local and conduct a new organizational campaign.

The Progress Meeting proper was opened on Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. by Vice President Wright. He read letters from International President Tracy and International Secretary Milne expressing their regret at being unable to attend the Eighth District Meet.

Then a brief address of welcome was extended to all delegates by City Commissioner Ray Hunter.

Immediately following Mr. Hunter on the program was International Representative M. B. Keeton who gave a complete report on the utility picture in the Eighth District. Brother Keeton especially explained the raiding tactics employed by other unions, and the dark implications of the Taft-Hartley law



The ladies enjoyed an informal luncheon at the Bannock Hotel. In foreground is Mrs. Wright, wife of the 8th District's vice pres.



Bro. Wilbur Rainey, L.U. 341, Livingston, Montana, was given a watch by the IBEW men of his state.

Idaho representatives at the meet were, rear row: L. C. Jenkins (449), Fred Whiteside (291), Ed Hanke (419) and F. J. Belisle, I.R. In front are Bart P. Saunders, I.R., Margaret Somsen (283) and Vice President W. C. Wright.







Wyoming's representatives at the Progress Meeting numbered seven. See page 44 for identifications.

G. R. Allenbeck of L.U. 12 gets up to discuss his problems as business manager of the Pueblo, Colorado, local. In this way the delegates learn of problems and how they are best solved.



The program of the Eighth District Meeting was so constructed as to sandwich guest speakers in between the business problems of the locals in attendance.

Mr. Gil Frolieh, Utah Chapter manager of the NECA, addressed the delegates next. He stated that there is no single formula for good labor-management relations. He urged joint meetings and a frank discussion by both sides of their views on all subjects which are of vital interest to both.

Following Mr. Frolieh, International Representative Carl Bechtold summarized the union picture with regard to the Bureau of Reclamation. Mr. Bechtold emphasized the good relations which exist at Bonneville and gave a thorough review of the workings and problems of this bureau of our Government.

Lloyd Williams of the United States Bureau of Apprenticeship Training, and a member of our L.U. 449, was next on the program. He emphasized that management and labor have come to a meeting of minds in their joint apprenticeship programs and that it is entirely possible for them to agree on other fields also. A highlight of Mr. Williams' address was his presentation at the end of his talk of a certificate signed by W. F. Patterson, Director of the United States Bureau of Apprenticeship, and Secretary of Labor Martin Durkin, for meritorious service in the Apprenticeship field, to Vice President W. C. Wright. High tribute was paid Mr. Wright for his good work in the district.

Immediately upon reconvening after the luncheon recess, William W. Robbins, Research Director of



Representative Thompson reviewed line construction, telephone picture.



Lloyd Williams, L.U. 449 member, Apprenticeship Bureau, was speaker.



International Representative M. B. Keeton spoke on Eighth's utility picture.



Gil Frolieh, manager of the Utah chapter of the NECA, was a general speaker at Pocatello meeting.



Radio and television in Eighth District was the subject of remarks to delegates by Representative Dengel.



our Brotherhood, and formerly an International Representative from the Eighth District, addressed the group. In the absence of President Tracy and Secretary Milne, Brother Robbins brought matters of importance from both the President's and Secretary's departments to the attention of the membership. Mr. Robbins emphasized the outlook for unity between CIO and AFL. He reviewed the national picture in each branch of our trade. He covered service programs extended by the International Office using charts with typical I.O. material to illustrate his points. Then reversing the charts, Brother Robbins gave a full picture of our Pension Plan as it exists today and made a strong appeal for support for our Silver Jubilee Plan.

### 'Partnership'

Next on the program was International Representative F. J. Belisle who reviewed the situation in the Eighth District with regard to inside and sign work.

He was followed by Charles Simpson, vice president of the NECA. Mr. Simpson emphasized that the relationship between the NECA and the IBEW is one of partnership. "It is impossible for one to prosper while the other suffers," he said. "There is a common bond between them." He stated that the two most important points in labor-management relations are the negotiation of labor agreements and the living up to those agreements.

Following Mr. Simpson's address, the regular program of the meeting was interrupted temporarily for the presentation of a beautiful watch to Brother Wilbur Rainey of L.U. 341, Livingston, Montana, on behalf of the Electrical Workers of that state.

Next on the program was International Representative Lee Anderson who spoke of the situation with regard to the Employees Benefit Fund in the Eighth District. He was followed immediately by International Representative Frank Graham who presented the Pension Fund picture insofar as the one percent plan is concerned.



The staff of the Eighth District in a group photo. Identification will be found printed on page 44.



Left: Charles Simpson, vice president of the National Electrical Contractors' Association, spoke to the delegates at Progress Meeting.

Below: The ladies at the meeting posed with Veep Wally Wright. Names will be found on page 44.



Colorado sent a good-sized delegation to the meet. The names of all will be found printed on page 44 of this issue.







The Financial Secretaries' meeting at Pocatello, held the day before the Progress Meeting, saw this fine representation. See page 44 for names.



Above: Rep. L. F. Anderson talked on work in milling and mining.

Left: Don Larson, manager of NECA's Rocky Mountain chapter, was a speaker at conclave.



The Montana delegation in attendance in group photo. Names on page 44.



The guest state, Utah, had these who gave hospitality. Names on page 44.

as it affects the entire Brotherhood. Brother Graham stressed the fact that our local unions must force contractors to live up to their agreements.

The last speaker of the Saturday session was Mr. Don Larson, manager of the Rocky Mountain Chapter, NECA. Mr. Larson stressed the fact that employers and employees want the same things, greater security and safety and more happiness. He said that these came through cooperation.

On Saturday night a delightful banquet was held in the ballroom of the Hotel Bannock for all delegates and their ladies, and while all enjoyed the pleasant social affair, the delegates were on hand promptly at 10 a.m. the following morning when the Progress Meeting was again called to order by Vice President Wright.

### Construction Reviewed

International Representative S. E. Thompson was the first speaker of the day and he gave a complete review of line construction and telephone work in the Eighth District.

He was followed by Representative Lee Anderson who gave a full picture of mining and milling operations in the states of the district having such industry.

Representative George J. Dengel next discussed progress and problems in the Radio and TV field, after which the meeting was turned over to general discussion by the delegates of questions and problems in all fields.

Some problems discussed by the delegates and clarified by Vice President Wright, concerned matters of jurisdiction, particularly as concerned our members and those of the Iron Workers Union and as regards the work of outside and utility workers within our own organization.

A fitting close for this extremely interesting and informative meeting was a brief address by Brother Cliff Noxon, a member of L.U. 68, Denver who has just returned from Israel where he was employed by the State Department for a year and a half on the Point

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## Reflections on the A. F. of L. Convention

As your JOURNAL went to press, the 72nd Annual Convention of the American Federation of Labor had just adjourned *sine die*. In our November JOURNAL, we'll bring you a full convention report, but we do not think some of the things we want to say about that Convention will wait.

Every one of our members and every man or woman who belongs to an A.F. of L. union has cause to be proud of the action and conduct of this truly historic, truly great meeting. We have a right to be proud of the leadership of this A.F. of L. of ours, the leadership and the membership, representing all of us—nearly 10 million strong—whose delegates stood up and took a stand for the principles and the actions which will preserve our nation, and preserve our unions, and help us to go forward with unity of purpose, and in peace.

It was no little decision which your A.F. of L. made, to throw out the International Association of Longshoremens and establish for once and for all that racketeering and gangsterism have no part in our house of labor. By this action the A.F. of L. proved to the world that it fears no group within its ranks and that as a parent organization, it can, and will discipline for the greater good of all its affiliates and for the good of all the working people of America.

And then the A.F. of L. took another brave and progressive step. It ratified the proposed no-raiding pact between A.F.L. and C.I.O.—the pact which signed and lived up to, by the responsible, progressive individual unions of the American Federation of Labor, will be the greatest stimulus to labor peace and the greatest impetus toward organizing the unorganized that we have known in more than a quarter of a century. We have taken the first step toward real labor solidarity—a step which must be a telling blow to the enemies of organized labor who seek to further their own predatory aims by exploiting a divided and confused labor membership.

These things your A.F. of L. in convention assembled, accomplished, and we are proud.

And we can be proud of other things also. As the Convention opened, the first action of the body was a prayer—a prayer to Almighty God for help and guidance—help and guidance that was forthcoming as the decisions of the Convention proved. God never

forgets those who remember to ask His help and try to be worthy of it.

The second action was the singing of the National Anthem, and as the delegates—over 700 strong—raised their voices in praise of their country, one could not but feel the patriotic fervor and the national strength that emanated from the body. And as the Convention carried on its sessions, its deliberations, its speeches, its resolutions, were dominated by love of country, hatred of communism and the pledge of all to make the sacrifices and do the job that will make our country strong. The spirit of the Convention was purely, "What is good for America, is good for the working people of this country."

It was perhaps a shock to the Westbrook Peglers and others of their ilk to find J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the F.B.I., setting down for all to read, these words: "American labor has rejected the ruthless creed of Communism. Free American labor will insure the freedom of America."

Yes, the American Federation of Labor will never stop working to keep America free, and to spread the great freedom we enjoy and the fabulous and wonderful "American way of life" to others less fortunate than ourselves.

This was the work and the pledge of our leaders and our delegates at the A.F. of L. Convention. They have made us glad and proud.

## Why Communism?

Why Communism? This is a question asked very frequently today. What leads men to communism? Why, if communism is the depressing, degrading "mess" which we know it to be; why, if conditions are so substandard and degrading in the "Workers' Paradise;" how come millions of people are attracted to communism?

There are three parts to the answer to this \$64 question.

First there are the millions who for the most part are Communists because they have no choice. They are caught in the ruthless iron fist of a terrible power and they must accept the false Communist ideology—or die. And so they accept it—at least on the sur-



face. But daily we have evidences of revolt—the recent revolts in East Germany, for example, and uprisings in Poland and Czechoslovakia. These are encouraging to all men who know the meaning of freedom, who then realize that the spirit of freedom has not yet been crushed out of the hapless victims of Soviet terrorism and that it will show itself again and again.

The second part of our answer concerns those fanatical men and women, relatively few, yet who must never be dangerously underestimated, who are ready to fight and die for the cause of communism in many countries. Deluded, yes—by a cause they believe in, but they never stop in their burning zeal to win converts to the Red cause. Would to God we could match their zeal in the cause of real freedom. In recent years, more and more of these leaders have come to see the falseness of communism and have denounced it for the truth. This is encouraging also, but we must ever be on guard against the instrument of the Kremlin. We must not stoop to witch-hunting, but we must guard against infiltration.

And last, there are those who reach out to accept communism because they believe it to be a protest against injustice and poverty, and for those who live in the depths of hopelessness and will grasp at any straw that promises them food for their bellies and cessation of their misery, communism is a powerful idea. It promises something. The fact that it will not fulfill its promises is of little concern at the moment to a starving man.

And what do we do to combat this evil? We must promise and produce. In the war of ideas, communism has strong appeal as the challenger of injustice. For us to denounce it means little to the emaciated Indian or the tubercular Chinese who sees his children starving around him. And what must we do? It's the same old story—the general who is "fustest with the mostest," wins the battle. This part of the war against communism we fight with bread and potatoes, and with equipment and help, that show other men that Americans believe in "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" not just for themselves *but for all peoples*.

The answer to "Why Communism?" is the answer we know best—"Why Democracy?"

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## ***What Has Happened?***

What has happened to that philosophy which was promulgated just a few short years ago, when we had just finished fighting World War II, and men were talking about a "brave new world?" They founded the United Nations and they looked forward to and believed in a world in which men could live together in peace. Perhaps we had too cheerful an outlook. Perhaps in our eagerness to be rid of the pain and suffering of war, we closed our eyes to the

obstacles to peace. Maybe we were the "Pollyannas" the critics accused us of being.

But I say to you now, that our general outlook of eight years ago was far to be preferred, and far more sensible than today's outlook by which many men live with a sense of impending doom—their general attitude is one of "What's the use? A hydrogen bomb will finish us off sooner or later anyway."

Now I admit that I am an incurable optimist—have been all my life—but I do not think that we have cause to shroud ourselves in pessimistic despair. I'll tell you why. Granted Russia has the atomic bomb and the hydrogen bomb and the means of dispensing them. If she uses them, there is little doubt that while we might suffer tremendous crippling losses, that we would still survive the attack with sufficient strength to retaliate. And so, I believe the Kremlin will think twice before beginning an all-out attack. Second, rumblings behind the Iron Curtain make us know that all is not "sweetness and light" in the "Workers' Paradise." We continue to live in hope that the Russian people will one day liberate themselves.

Next, we have faith in the United Nations. Surely it has weaknesses—but it is young and it has achieved tremendous accomplishments in its short lifetime—the greatest of which being, that it has acted and put down acts of aggression. There are those who say the United Nations will not work, it cannot work—but it can work and it is working.

There have been many times in history when leaders of government have said, "this is the end, ruin is at hand." William Pitt said it in 1790, in these words: "Our people have come to the end of their rope. There is nothing around us but ruin and despair."

A hundred years ago Disraeli said, "In industry, commerce and agriculture, there is no hope whatsoever." And look what strides a hundred years have seen in the fields he mentioned.

We must never despair. We must believe and hope and engender hope in others. Often optimists are laughed at as fools, but it is the optimists with their dreams and their plans—with their United Nations and their MSA's and their Four Freedoms and their Point Fours that have kept this sad old world going through the centuries and they'll keep on making it go.

And so I say, we hope and we dream. But we do not wrap ourselves in our Pollyanna cloak and wait—oh no! We try to map a practical course. We build our defenses, we make for ourselves a bulwark so that other nations are afraid to attack us. We oppose aggression and we continue to sponsor the cause of human liberty and the worth of the individual. And if this is starry-eyed optimism, that we can seek and find peace, that we can have happiness instead of total destruction, and life instead of death, and that we can give others a chance to find "the American Way" with us—if this be foolishness, then I for one am glad and proud to be a fool.

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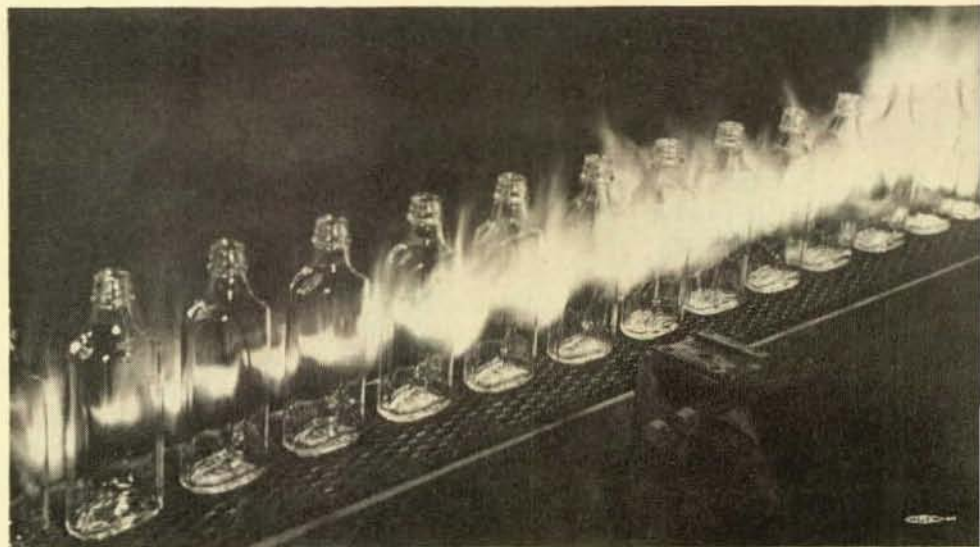
# the GLASS BOTTLE BLOWERS' Story



KNOW YOUR A F of L

**I**MAGINE if you can, a world without glass—a world in which there are no windows, no electric light bulbs, no goblets or bottles or beautiful glass vases, no eyeglasses or thermometers, or television tubes, or neon signs, or pyrex ware, no shimmering Christmas tree balls, no traffic lights, no microscopes, no telescopes—no thousand and one additional items which we use daily and take for granted. Our world would seem strange indeed, without the everyday miracle that is glass. We who use glass day after day in so many forms owe a debt of gratitude to the men who discovered it thousands of years ago and to those modern wizards of today who use their knowledge and skill to bring us glass articles in their finest and most beautiful form. This is the story of glass and the men who fashion it for use, this is the Glass Bottle Blowers' Story.

First, how did it all start, this "romance of glass?" Man's first association with it probably started many centuries before the dawn of history when some cave dweller slipped on a hillside and falling, cut his foot on a sharp, shiny substance of the consistency of rock. In this accident man had discovered obsidian, natural glass, old as



the world itself, fused down in the core of the earth and erupted onto the earth's surface by volcanic action. No one knows just when man learned the value of obsidian, cut pieces of it and sharpened it for use as a deadly weapon, made it into crude jewelry, ornaments, vessels and even crude currency. Excavations prove that the Egyptians and Syrians became quite adept at fashioning articles from obsidian, and samples of it, put to use, have been discovered all over the world. The oldest pure glass yet discovered is a molded amulet of deep

blue color and believed to date from about 7000 B.C. And somewhere along the line man polished a piece of obsidian and made the first looking glass, where previously he had seen his own image only in a clear still pool.

It has been pretty well established when man first discovered how to make glass himself. The historian Pliny, writing in the first century A.D. states that about the year 5000 B.C. Phoenician sailors landed their ship on the shores of a river in Syria. They built a fire to cook their evening meal and lacking stones, they supported their cooking pot on two blocks of soda from the ship's cargo. As the fire died down, the soda blocks sank down into the sand. The sailors must have been amazed to see from the center of the bed of red hot coals, a little rivulet of

shiny, green substance slithering slowly over the sand. When the fire died out the stream hardened leaving a layer of the first man-made glass.

The modern glass maker still uses the two basic elements, silica (sand) and an alkali (such as soda ash or potash or both) for the manufacture of glass, although today other raw materials are also added to produce the kind and quality and color of glass desired. These elements are heated to extreme temperatures in special furnaces.





Above: An inspector tests size of the necks of bottles with precision device.

Left: Newly-formed bottles for drugs move from forming machine on conveyor.

Right: Pretty GBBA girl operating machine which lines plastic bottle caps.

Below: Sterilized milk bottles being filled by automatic machine, untouched.



Ancient craftsmen made their vessels by winding threads of molten glass around a core of sand and when the glass coating cooled and hardened, the core was removed. These early glass objects were opaque, for it was some time before man learned the secret of adding other raw materials to produce transparent glass as we know it.

This process of forming hollow vessels around a core of sand was slow and laborious, so the next great step in the history of glass came when an unknown artisan of Sidon, sometime in the Third Century B.C., discovered that a small amount of molten glass could be gathered on the end of a metal tube or "blowpipe" and by blowing through the tube, the glass at the other end could be expanded to form a hollow jar or bottle. This simple discovery opened up wide possibilities for new uses of glass. For nearly 2000 years the blowpipe, in essentially the same form, was to remain the instrument with which skilled artisans developed the story that was glass. From this same simple principle was to evolve the process by which modern glass containers were one day to be turned out by the thousands from amazing machines—but this was not to come until many, many centuries later.

It was in Rome that the first glass windows were made, when glass was rolled into thin slabs. The beautiful stained glass windows came later, reaching their height in the 6th and 7th centuries.

Glass-making reached its highest expression as an art, however, in Venice, during the 15th and 16th centuries. The finest Venetian glass artisans were virtually imprisoned on the "Island of Murano" to prevent the English and French from learning their trade secrets. For hundreds of years Venice was known as the mirror center of the world. Bohemia also became an important European glass center.

In the 17th century in France came the invention of the process of casting glass, thus opening the way for our modern plate glass industry.

Each century wrote a new and exciting chapter to the "Glass





Forming machine operator lifts a red-hot milk bottle from the line for a check to assure its uniform quality.

Story." The 18th century brought the art of etching glass into prominence and in Germany cut glass became a valued art.

At the turn of the 19th century, glass played an important role in a discovery that was to change the food habits of the entire civilized world—the process by which certain foods could be preserved by sterilizing and sealing them in glass containers.

The history of glass in the new world is most interesting. It will surprise many of our readers to learn that glassmaking was America's very first industry and glass objects were among the first articles ever to be exported from our country in her founding days.

Eight Dutch and English glass-makers were brought to North American in the year after the founding of the first English settlement. We do not know the names of these men but we do know that they were members of the first American "glass house" which was established near James Towne, Virginia, and its products were being exported as early as 1609.

The three earliest outstanding names in American glass history were those of Caspar Wistar, Henry William Stiegel and Deming Jarves.

From those pioneer days on, as our history was written, so also was written the story of development and progress in glass.

In 1879 glass workers blew a bubble for a man named Edison.

Eighteen-story building recently purchased by GBBA houses headquarters of union. In heart of Philadelphia.

Before machines, glass blowers made bottles by blowing air through long rods to shape molten glass into shape.



It turned out to be the first electric light bulb.

In 1900, commercial production of flat glass was achieved.

In 1903 the first automatic bottle-making machine was developed.

Between 1910 and 1920, a heat-resistant type of glass was perfected and tough glass parts for use in American industry. Pyrex was born.

Between 1930 and 1940, glass became a heat insulation mate-



rial for home, office and factory.

In 1936 glass fibers for textiles were marketed and glass flame-ware was produced.

In 1947 photosensitive glass and electrically-conducting glass were perfected.

In 1948 mass production of television tubes blanks was achieved.

And so the story goes. Throughout our entire history glass has played an important part in our culture, our tradition, our literature.

We are well aware of its myriad uses in our life. It is as familiar to us as our own homes or the American flag. There is no part of our lives into which it does not reach. We recall that in the Bible, one of

the most frequently quoted passages is from Corinthians, "We see through a glass, darkly."

One of the most familiar objects from all literature is Cinderella's glass slipper. Playwrights like famous Tennessee Williams have chosen glass for a theme—"The Glass Menagerie" and even some of the popular mystery novels of our day take their titles from glass, like "The Glass Key"—a Dashiell Hammett story.

All this is background for the story of the union we salute this month, the Glass Bottle Blowers Association. These are the union men and women today whose 50,000 members are busy turning out the literally millions of glass ob-

jects which we as consumers demand—either directly or as containers for other products.

The process by which our Brothers and Sisters in the glass industry turn out their products calls for skill and experience.

Recipes for making glass are probably as varied as those used for baking cakes. The basic raw materials, silica sand and alkalis such as lime or soda ash and potash, have always been essentially unchanged. Under intense heat the materials fuse into glass. Then the type of glass desired and its ultimate purpose dictate the use of other ingredients such as white oxide of arsenic, alumina, nitre, oxide of lead or of manganese, borax or chalk, with the basic materials. This mixture is called the batch; the heating process is called melting and the melted batch is called the metal.

Practically all glass is now made by machine. The basic ingredients are poured into huge "mix" buckets from which they are automatically fed into gigantic ovens. The flow of raw materials into the furnaces is timed with the removal of glass at the other end. The melted glass is then shaped by precision made molds into the familiar shapes of such items as beer bottles, milk bottles and food jars. After all automatic precautions have been observed, the bottles are tested by an experienced glassworker for air bubbles, cracks or unevenness. Laboratory tests are being conducted constantly by members of the GBBA to insure to the American public the finest glass products the industry can produce.

Members of the Glass Bottle Blowers Association do not confine their work to the manufacture of bottles and containers. They produce many, many more useful glass objects and they are expanding and organizing new fields daily. Some additional products we might mention are fibre glass, spun glass, glass block, battery jars, glass insulators, carboys, closures, glass sand, medical glassware and television tubes among others.

Up to the beginning of the Twentieth Century, most of the members of the GBBA were hand glass blowers. They were highly



GBBA display at Union Industries Show stresses advantage of glass bottles. Union conducts vigorous campaign to boost glass containers.



Skilled craftsman prepares a forming mold for "blowing" bottles. Mold must be perfect.







Left: GBBA member examines newly-made bottles under intense light, looking for flaws.

Right: An inspector checks a "batch" of jars of the type used for preserving foodstuffs.

Below: Operator at giant machine which "stamps out" metal closures for the glass bottles.



the back of union organization. So strong was the opposition to man's God-given right to organize, to protect his wages and working conditions, that the early unionists' lives were actually in danger and they had to meet and carry on their union work in secrecy.

This band of Bottle Blowers was a militant little band, however. They stuck together and at the close of the Civil War another convention was called. The organization which evolved was known as the Druggistware Glass Blowers' League.

Divisions of this Glass Blowers

skilled artisans who blew air through long, tubular rods, hollowing out the inside of the hot molten glass. The outside of the vessel was pressed into a metal mold which formed it to the correct shape. The coming of the machine, which did the job many times faster, made great changes in the industry—changes which the Glass Bottle Blowers accepted as a part of progress and actually capitalized on.

Today less than 100 of the 50,000 GBBA members are hand blowers. These specialists make fancy perfume bottles and special orders which cannot be profitably produced en masse. It is interesting to note that GBBA members now operate gigantic furnaces and modern machines which turn out thousands of bottles which are never touched by human hands.

Now what about the union to which these members belong? How old is it and how was it begun? Another fact that may surprise our own members is that the Glass Bottle Blowers Association is one of the oldest unions in the United States, boasting a 111-year-old history.

In the year 1842, a small group of bottle blowers primarily from New Jersey and New York met in the city of Philadelphia and adopted a wage scale for blowing glass. At this meeting they formed a union and elected a man named John Samuels as president.

They found the union going most difficult in those early days. As so many trade unionists found out in that anti-labor century, employers and the general public, ably assisted by Government in-junction, constantly strove to break



GBBA President Lee Minton (center) joins two bartenders in breaking used liquor bottles. Union maintains this discourages bootleggers, who collect used bottles.



Union were organized in various sections of the country.

In 1890, there was a merger of the Eastern and Western Divisions, and this organization known as District Assembly 143, affiliated with the Knights of Labor. In 1891 it withdrew from the Knights of Labor and formed the United Green Glass Workers' Union. In that same year a Death Beneficiary Department was inaugurated. In the 62 years of its operation it has

paid out nearly \$3,000,000 to its members.

In 1895 the name of the organization was changed from the United Green Glass Workers' Union, to Glass Bottle Blowers' Association of the United States and Canada. In 1899 this organization affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. In 1901, the Prescription Department of the American Flint Glass Workers' Union, comprised entirely of bot-

tle blowers, merged with the GBBA and in 1902 the Stopper-Grinding Department did likewise.

As was the case with many of our unions in the early days, the advent of machinery and the fear that it would bring widespread loss of employment, presented a keen challenge to the Glass Bottle Blowers' Association.

The GBBA took the wise step of not fighting the influx of automatic machines but rather to accept them and control their operation so that the work would belong to their members and their health and welfare would not be impaired. How well the GBBA weathered the dangers of machine production and competition is well evidenced in its favorable wage scale and the fact that its membership has grown from 10,000 in 1920 before mechanization to nearly 50,000 today and it is continuing to grow.

One of the most outstanding characteristics which has marked the Glass Bottle Blowers Association through the years, has been the way in which it has fought to preserve the industry and the work of its members. One good example of this was the battle waged by the GBBA together with the Brewery Workers Union for repeal of the 18th Amendment. Union members willingly paid assessments as high as 20 percent of their wages to carry on the fight against prohibition. Another way in which the GBBA insured more work for its members was by working through the tariff commissions and being instrumental in having tariffs on perfumes, colognes and toilet waters tripled. This kept imports of these items at a minimum, thus giving manufacture of the containers to members of the Glass Bottle Blowers Union.

Like many of our other unions, the GBBA took advantage of the recognition given trade unionism in the days of the New Deal and carried on full-scale campaigns to organize *all workers* in bottle and glass container plants including maintenance workers and those engaged in processing the raw materials.

In more recent years, when competitive forces began to encroach

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President Minton (right) and Carl J. Megel, president of Teachers' Union, look over a booklet published by GBBA to explain how useful articles are made from the glass bottles.

Models below display lamps which were entered in GBBA contest offering prizes for best uses of old bottles. Total of \$1000 in U. S. Savings Bonds was awarded to the winners.





## WORKERS' INSTITUTE FOR DISTRICT AREA

**M**ORE and more, all over our country, union members are asking for and receiving, more education. Colleges and universities are cooperating with union officers and the Workers Education Bureau of the A.F. of L. to provide labor institutes and worker conferences. This is a most encouraging sign, for wherever our union people are informed, whenever they can learn more about what is going on in the world and especially ways and means by which they can further their own cause, a tremendous step forward has been taken. An interested, alert membership is our Brotherhood's or any Brotherhood's greatest asset.

We have been interested and proud to note in the increasing number of Workers' Institutes held throughout the United States in the past two years, that members of the IBEW have played an important part both in organizing and attending them.

We should like to tell you of a typical Labor Institute held recently. It was the first Labor Institute ever to be held in the State of Maryland. Conducted at the University of Maryland, it drew many unionists from the District of Columbia area.

The Institute was sponsored by the Washington Central Labor Union (of which Brother Clem Preller, business manager of our L.U. 26 of Washington, is president) together with the Baltimore Federation of Labor and the Mary-



Speaking at the Workers' Institute held at the University of Maryland, James L. McDevitt, Director of the A.F. of L. Labor's League for Political Education, explains the importance of laboring people maintaining an active interest in legislation. Seated is Joseph Creager, President of IBEW Local 26, who was Group Chairman at the first such Institute held in Maryland.

Below: A view of a section of the conference held as part of the program to advance trade union education. The responsibility of the trade unionist to his community was topic discussed.





Taking part in the program were, left to right, Harry Cohen, Rev. Fr. Loyola O'Leary, and Edward Johns, Executive Secretary of the Baltimore Federation of Labor.



Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor. Brother Keenan did his usual excellent job of forcefully bringing home to his audience pertinent facts with which they as members of organized labor were vitally concerned. He especially emphasized the essential part that strong trade unions play in the bulwark of democracy.

Following questions and discussion of Mr. Keenan's talk, the delegates were divided into one-hour workshop sessions on the following subjects:

Group No. 1 on Taft-Hartley,

Below: Conference members leave the classroom building on Maryland University campus to attend a luncheon session of the program which stressed the role of unionists.



land State and District of Columbia Federation of Labor.

The interesting program for the Institute which was arranged by Joseph I. Creager, president of L.U. 26, with the cooperation of President H. C. Byrd of Maryland University and Miss Selma Borchardt of Teachers Union No. 8, drew some 200 interested persons, most of them labor people.

This attendance was heartening, but the keen interest shown in the discussions was even more definite testimony to the value of projects like these. The conference won wide local newspaper publicity and much favorable comment from na-

tional labor and Government officials. For example William F. Patterson, director, United States Bureau of Apprenticeship, said: "The committee on arrangements merits congratulations and high praise for the success of this first conference."

Our JOURNAL readers may be interested in knowing the program for this one-day session which proved so successful.

The principal speaker at the morning session devoted to "The Community's Responsibility to the Workers" was our own Brother Joseph D. Keenan, secretary-treasurer, Building and Construction

led by Boris Shishkin, research director of the A.F. of L.;

Group No. 2, on Right to Work, led by James L. McDevitt, director of L.L.P.E.; and

Group No. 3, on Social Insurance, led by Nelson H. Cruikshank, director of Social Insurance Activities for the A.F. of L.

All groups were merged again in a stimulating luncheon session and were addressed by the Reverend Loyola O'Leary, chairman of the Industrial Relations Committee of the Catholic Committee of the South, who attacked the Taft-Hartley law for failing to create

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## THE WORLD OF SHADOW

**I**N THE year 1896 in the United States, while William Jennings Bryan and William McKinley took up the cudgels for a bitter campaign struggle, the old realm of Mrs. Astor seemed to be toppling in the floodtide of new wealth. In that already revolutionary year, modern technology gave birth to revolutionary triplets. The first gasoline "horseless carriages" for sale to the public in America appeared and promised to "put America on wheels." The young Italian, Marconi, transmitted a message in Morse Code by wireless across the River Thames and the sprawling world felt itself shrinking much as Alice when she drank from the magical bottle. And on April 23 of that eventful year Thomas A. Edison's "Vitascope" plunged the silk-hatted audience of New York's 400 assembled at Koster and Bial's Music Hall into the marvelous world of shadow of the motion picture.

As Thomas Edison sat in the box that night at Koster and Bial's and received the ovation of the crowd for bringing them the simulation of real life as man had never witnessed it before, historians began to fill in the white page that would complete the story be-

gun centuries before the birth of Christ.

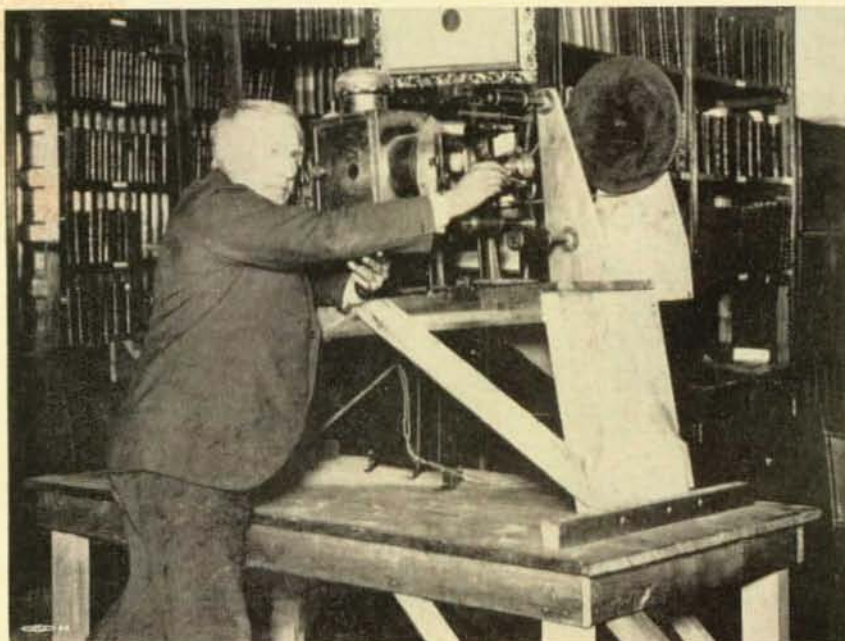
For in the dark wilds of ancient China, primitive showmen entertained the circle of the campfire with shadow plays — silhouette figures shown on a background of smoke. Early Japanese and English showmen used polished bronze

mirrors to reflect designs on walls to the wonder of the crowd. The simple lens or magnifying glass, from which all cameras, projectors and other optical instruments have been evolved, is believed by some authorities to have been used by the Chaldeans as early as 6000 BC.

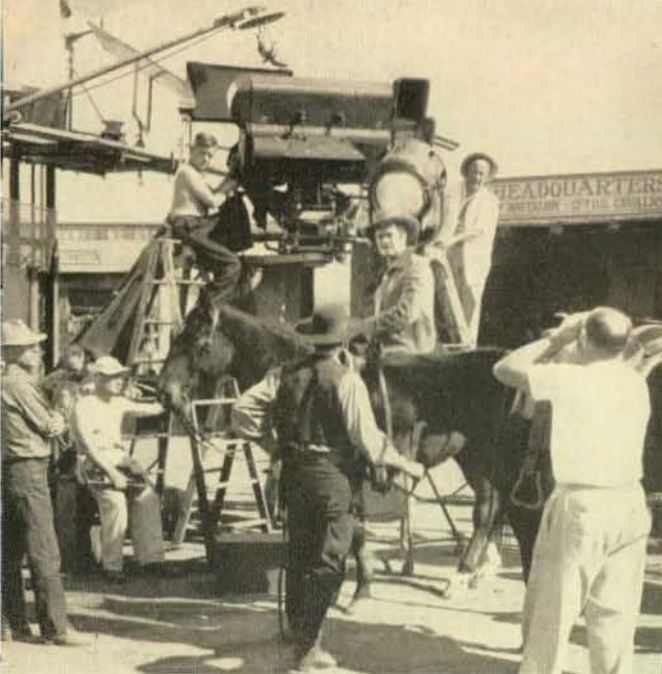
In 16th century Italy, concave mirrors placed in a small opening of a dark room, or "camera obscura," brought shadow shows of the happenings on the street outside to delighted audiences within the room. By the first quarter of the 17th century the "camera" was widely used to observe the tremendous shadow show of sun, moon, and stars. In the last part of the 17th century Johann Zahn and others perfected the magic lantern projector developed by Athanasius Kircher around 1646 and spread knowledge of it throughout Europe.

In France, after the bloody revolution, Phantasmagoria—a type of ghost shadow play similar to the old light and shadow trick, achieved great popularity. The 1800s saw the combining of a device developed by Joseph Plateau and Simon Ritter von Stamper, which showed motion from hand-drawn images to one viewer at a time, with the magic lantern to accomplish the first projection of animated design.

Thomas A. Edison is shown with one of his earliest motion picture projectors. This photo, discovered in Library of Congress files, probably has not been previously published since time of copyright in 1905. Note the crude wooden supports for axles of reels in front of the projector.







Above: The latest in movies is "3-D" process. Here a crew is at work on a 'deepee' western. Huge camera has been named 'the barn door' by crews.



Above right: Three microphones are 'mixed' by technician at controls in foreground as sound origins are now localized on new wide-screen movies. Process is used in new Cinemascope.

Right: The 3-D revolution at work is putting men to work as experimental ideas are tried out. This is a complete bowl-type screen 35 feet wide. In any perspective, 3-D is expensive.



Below: Measuring tapes are in great demand as exacting nature of three-dimensional movies make camera angle computing more involved. Here there are two tapes, two cameras at work.



Meanwhile two Philadelphia photographers, the Langenheim Brothers, in 1850 developed glass photo slides known as "Hyalotype" which reproduced nature on the screen "with fidelity truly astonishing." Various projectors were perfected during the 19th century, but the problem here as in all past centuries was that of insufficient light. The final solution did not come until Edison produced the electric light.

While the first successful motion picture camera was developed by Pierre Jansen around 1875 and a motion picture viewing machine,

the electric Tachyscope, was on exhibit at the Chicago World's Fair in 1893, it was in the New Jersey laboratory of Thomas Edison that the final key was turned to admit the peoples of the earth to the enchanting world of shadow.

Edison's popular film peep show device, the electrically-driven, one-viewer Kinetoscope, using the new film for "roller photography" produced by George Eastman, went on public display in 1894. And at last the way was paved for the establishment of the motion picture industry. America has remained the realm of magic in the minds of millions since.

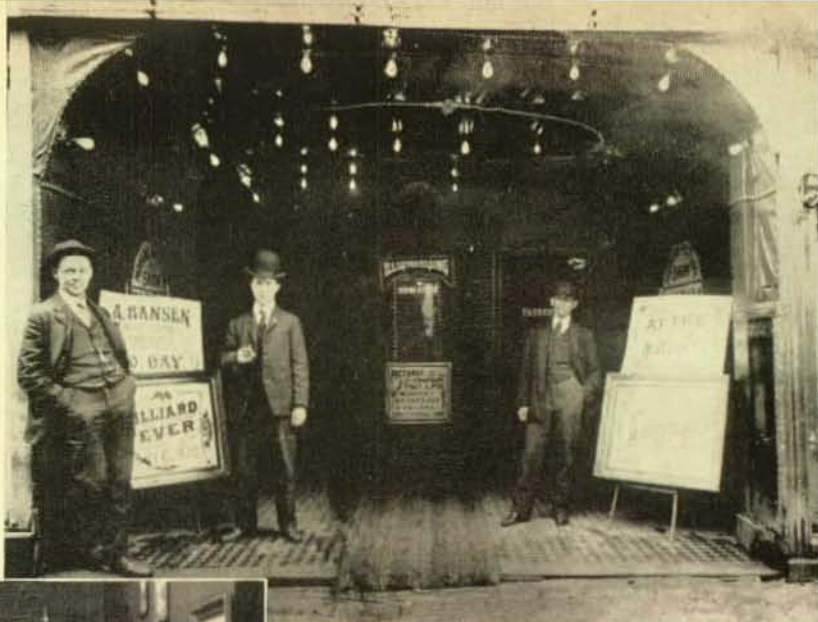
The first commercial films were made using the Edison Kinetograph (first practicable motion picture camera) in the famous "Black Maria" studio with William Dickson as director, and the Kinetoscope went into export sales carrying the new technology to capitals of the world. In the United States, penny arcades, already lined with the Edison phonograph (the first juke boxes), installed batteries of "peep-shows" with their sketches of vaudeville and boxing matches, and soon became the favorite amusement spots for the poor laboring class.

With the coming of the Vitascope projection machine which had been designed by a young Virginian, Thomas Armat, and produced in the Edison laboratory, a new and more wonderful entertainment for the poor workers of teeming cities was discovered.





One of the great producers and directors of early motion pictures was D. W. Griffith, who rocketed to fame on "Birth of A Nation." Here he is shown with the famous Gish sisters, Lillian and Dorothy.



Above: The nickelodeon was first. This one has illustrated songs; Mr. Hansen will be singing "Take A Sail In My Boat" and the feature is on the French bottle industry!



Left: Mary Pickford, "America's Sweetheart", in an early effort "The Foundling" where she and pup underwent dire jeopardies but Goodness and Virtue won in The End!

Below: Billie Burke in a real oldie: "Gloria's Romance," a serial produced in 1916 by George Kleine, who was an associate of Edison in developing the movies.



ization of tasks; photographing, directing, acting, writing, lighting, developing and cutting pictures became separate crafts—all bent on producing drama for the garish nickelodeons where workers from swarming cities or quiet country towns could take their families into the shadow world of drama where so many of their dreams lived. And in between the 20-minute to one-hour programs of "The Girl Strike Leader" or "Lily

Owners of the old arcades began pasting rolls of film together from the peep-shows and running them on projectors against improvised screens where they could be viewed by whole audiences at once.

Homesick immigrants and factory workers and tradesmen of every description stood in patient lines with their families and paid five cents apiece to sit on one of the close-packed chairs in these "Nickelodeons" and see their dream world of shadow walking in reality across the cheap screen. The electric lights of these little palaces of pleasure soon beckoned in the darkness of every immigrant and poor quarter of urban America and were carried by traveling showmen in tents to rural America, thus laying the foundation for the infant industry. Within three years, the United States, homeland of the movies, had some eight to 10,000 nickelodeons.

When the fantasies of George Melies, French film-maker reached the United States, Edwin S. Porter, a photographer for the Edison Company determined to try his hand at telling a story in pictures. His "Great Train Robbery" burst upon the screen in 1905 and at once transformed the motion picture into a "dramatic, imaginative medium capable of arousing intense emotions; able to influence the minds and social attitudes of its spectators, shape their desires, opinions, prejudices and ideals."

And Edison's competitors immediately turned to the production of story films—all of them on a single role of film running 14 minutes. Rapid and increasing output became essential. Actors, scenery and costumes were required; manufacturers had to set up factories or "studios." The film writer was born. Speed of production brought about division and special-



of the Tenements," a pianist pounded out melodies while the whole audience sang "Waltz Me Around Again, Willie," "You Splash Me and I'll Splash You" and the new, buoyant, "Merry Widow Waltz." The elite might have their legitimate theater—the poor had found their favorite entertainment.

Then D. W. Griffith found that the motion picture need not be an ugly duckling of the entertainment world, but could indeed become a medium of great and penetrating beauty. It could tell a story, but tell it more compellingly and more beautifully than a story had ever been told before.

Aside from perfecting technicalities of photography, Griffith raised acting and directing in the motion picture industry to the level of real art. With "Birth of a Nation," starring Lillian Gish, Griffith extended both the range and dramatic intensity of motion pictures. Movies were at last taken seriously by the sophisticated patrons of legitimate theater and by the intelligentsia. More people through-

out the world saw this picture than had read any one book other than the Bible. The movies at last were becoming a universal entertainment.

The unfortunate theme of this first epic movie which inflamed racial prejudices and inspired in the United States a revival of the infamous and un-American Ku Klux Klan and caused riots throughout the nation, revealed for the first time the tremendous social and moral force which lay within the shadow world of the screen.

Gone now were the days of the Mack Sennett one and two-reel comedies. The public clamored for "features" and as the industry complied to fill this want, the

old nickelodeon began to vanish. Theater owners replaced them with movie palaces which reached new heights of ostentation and luxury and the movies now attracted the populous and prosperous middle classes. The quality of films had to rise to meet the taste of new audiences.

Under this impetus, the old patents group which had at first controlled the industry, gave way to the surge of new competitors known as "independents" led by Adolph Zukor.

Meanwhile Cecil B. De Mille, working for the Jesse L. Lasky Feature Play Company, had gone west in 1910 to make the "Squaw Man." He rented a barn at the intersection of Sunset and Vine Streets, a section still lonely enough for coyotes to visit at night. With the success of his first three movies made in Hollywood, De Mille launched that city on its way to becoming the film capital of the world. Here, even before the 1920's, the new elite of the movies became objects of adoration in the minds of the American public and Hollywood became the mecca of the cult of fan clubs.

The intelligentsia openly worshipped Miss Lillian Gish, Charlie Chaplain and in later years, Miss Greta Garbo. And Miss Mary Pickford, "Little Mary" of so many early films was all "America's Sweetheart." By 1919 the cost of photographs dispensed in this "ritual of devotion" had already risen to \$75,000.

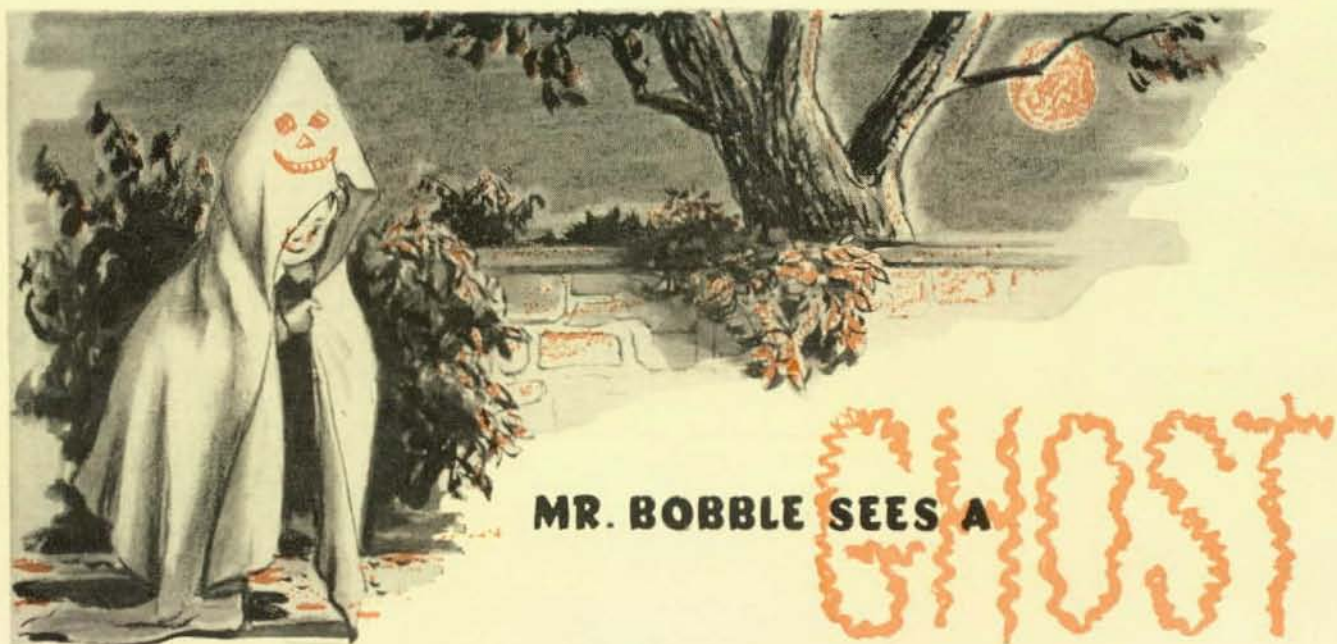
Temples for these new deities soon were pointing their towers towards the California skies. John Barrymore's Chinese residence held three swimming pools. The hill-top den of Rudolph Valentino, the man who taught American men how to be amorous as Theda Bara had earlier taught the women, was remarkable for its black-painted interior walls and mourning-draped windows. The two high-priestesses of the land created by films were Mary Pickford, holding court at "Pickfair" and Marjorie Davies in her Georgian mansion at Santa Monica.

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Cheesecake now and then. The gentle art of glorifying the girls has gone a far piece since the first nickelodeon was opened. Consider the difference to be found in the photo of 'Princess' Rita Hayworth adjusting a balky seam and a similar 'leggy' shot of 1909 entitled 'In The Privacy of The Bath.' This is what caused the gay blades to flock to those new-fangled magic lantern shows.







## MR. BOBBLE SEES A

# GHOST

### A Halloween Story for Children

**I**t was the night before Halloween and all the children of Dells-ville were very excited. Like the little boys and girls in neighborhoods everywhere, they were looking forward to going "trick or treating" as soon as it got dark. The Cooper children, Ben and Martha and Sally, and the Brown boys, Johnny and Bob, and Patsy and Billy Lee, all planned to go together. For weeks they had been getting their costumes ready, for this was half the fun. Ben Cooper's mother had made him a gay clown suit, all red and white, and he had white shoe polish to spread on his face, and mom had promised to paint his nose and mouth real, real red with her lipstick. Martha and Sally had gypsy costumes and they had borrowed jangling necklaces and bracelets from their big sister and two of their aunts, so that they could look for all the world, like real gypsies, on Halloween. The Brown boys planned to dress as hoboes and their dad had bought them funny hobo rubber masks to wear.

Patsy Lee had a cowgirl costume and her brother Billy was going to be a ghost in white sheet and skeleton mask, so everybody was fixed up fine for costumes.

As soon as it got dark on the night before Halloween, the children started out. They all met in

Brown's yard except Billy Lee. He couldn't get his ghost costume pinned just right so he could run and move his arms, and his mother was helping him.

"You go ahead Patsy, so you won't be late. I'll catch up with you, soon as Mom gets me fixed," said Billy.

"Okay," said Patsy. "I'll take the brown paper bag Mom gave us to put our 'Trick or Treat' stuff in, with me. Hurry up so you won't miss anything." And Patsy kissed her mother goodbye. "Be careful dear," said Mom, "and be sure to be home by nine."

When Patsy got to Brown's all the other children were there and guess what! The Brown boys had a big jack-o-lantern their dad had carved for them. It had a fat candle burning inside and the light was flickering through its triangle eyes and crooked mouth. It was the gayest jack-o-lantern ever.

"Where's Billy, Pat?" asked Ben Cooper.

"My goodness, Ben, I hardly knew you. You make a lovely clown," said Patsy. "Billy will be along in a minute. He couldn't get his costume fixed, but Mom's helping him."

"Well, let's get started," said

Bob Brown. "Let's go to Ahearns first. Mrs. Ahearn makes good gingerbread and she told my mother she was going to make some for trick or treat."

"Let's go gang," said Johnny. And laughing and talking the children hurried down the street.

Sure enough Mrs. Ahearn had hot gingerbread and she gave them each a generous square which they proceeded to eat on the spot. This was too good to keep.

As they made their way down the street, the paper bags they had brought from home began to fill up—apples from Mrs. Tennyson, cup cakes at Mrs. Healy's, home-made fudge at Miss Mabel Smith's, and Mr. Sampson, who was a bachelor, gave out sticks of chewing gum all around.

Finally the children came to the biggest, prettiest house on Beech Street. "New people named Bobble have moved in here" said Martha Cooper. "Come on let's ring the bell." Gaily she ran up the steps and pushed the button, while all the children crowded up behind her. In a few moments the door was opened by a sweet faced middle-aged lady.

"Hello children," she said.





A middle-aged lady opened the door.

"Trick or Treat," chorused all the children together.

Mrs. Bobble looked embarrassed. "Well let me see," she said. And then all of a sudden behind her, appeared the crossdest looking man the children had ever seen.

"What is the meaning of this," he shouted. "Get off my steps, you little raggamuffins."

"Oh Henry," said Mrs. Bobble, "don't be so cross—it's only a sort of game."

"Game indeed!" shouted Henry

Bobble, "Get off my steps at once!"

The children began to draw back, but Bob Brown who was a little older than the rest, stepped forward bravely.

"But Mr. Bobble," he said, "you have to treat us. You treat us tonight and we won't trick you tomorrow night!"

"Blackmail, that's what it is," screamed Mr. Bobble, and seizing an umbrella from the hall rack he charged down the steps, striking

out to right and left. The children scattered, but not before he had hit Bob Brown on the arm and made him drop the lovely jack-o-lantern and smash it into pieces.

Little Sally Cooper began to cry. "I'm scared," she said. "He's a mean old man. I want to go home."

"Don't cry Sally," said Martha who was older. "He is mean, but we mustn't let him spoil our evening. We've only just started and Mother said we might stay out till nine o'clock."

Henry Bobble had gone in and slammed the door. Mary Bobble, his wife, was sitting on a chair in the hall and she was crying as if her heart would break.

"Oh Henry, how could you be so cruel and mean? What has made you change so? You used to love children."

"Little ruffians," said Henry. "Imagine threatening me. I'd like to thrash the lot of them."

"Henry Bobble," said his wife. "I never thought I'd live to say these words to you. Remember our own little son and how he loved to dress up on Halloween. Why, just the Halloween before he died, we helped him fix a costume like a ghost to fool the other children. Well I tell you, here and now Henry Bobble, I'm glad you can't break his heart as you are breaking mine." And with that, Mary Bobble convulsed with sobs, ran



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upstairs to her bedroom and shut the door.

Henry turned and went out the kitchen door into the garden. He was a saddened, subdued Henry now. He had dearly loved the little son who had died many years ago. He sat in the garden and thought about that last Halloween that little Roddy had been alive and how excited he had been about dressing up as a ghost. And he thought about Mary's words and how he had changed.

Then all of a sudden he saw him in the back of the garden—little Roddy in the ghost costume—little Roddy came back to haunt him for being so cruel and mean.

"Roddy," he shouted. "Roddy, I'm sorry. Come here to Daddy." But the small ghost had climbed the fence and run away.

#### "I've Been A Fool"

Henry Bobble got up and went into the house. He went straight upstairs and knocked on his wife's door.

"Mary, Mary," he cried, "please let me in. I've been a stupid fool. I don't know how I could have been so thoughtless and cruel. I'm sorry. I'll make it up to you and Roddy and those kids. Please let me in dear."

And Mrs. Bobble opened the door and threw herself in her husband's arms and they held each other tight and cried.

"Mary, something happened to me," said Henry Bobble. "I saw our little Roddy, just as he was dressed that last Halloween. But he wouldn't come to me. I've been too mean and unkind. But I'll be different, Mary, I will, I will! Now, will you go after those children and bring them back. Tell them how sorry I am that I was so mean to them. I'll call the drugstore and order ice cream and cookies and soda pop and we'll give them the best party they've ever had. Will you go, Mary, and fetch them?"

"Indeed I will, Henry," said Mary, smiling through her tears. And grabbing up her coat, she threw it around her shoulders and ran down the stairs and into the street.

Meanwhile the children, hurt and frightened by the rebuff they

had suffered at Bobbles, were making their way half-heartedly toward the houses they had so gaily planned to visit earlier in the evening. Little Sally was still crying and nothing that Martha or the others said, seemed to comfort her.

All of a sudden, Billy Lee came running down the street to catch up with them, his white ghost costume floating in the breeze. "Hi kids," he shouted. "I thought I'd never catch up with you!"

"Oh Billy," said Patsy, "the awfulest thing happened." And she proceeded to tell her brother how Mr. Bobble had chased them and smashed their jack-o-lantern.

"I think he's crazy," said Billy. "I was taking a short cut through his yard a few minutes ago, and he looked at me all scared like I

And he went down into the basement and brought up a huge pumpkin and made the Brown boys a wonderful jack-o-lantern twice as big as the one he'd smashed.

And when the children went home at nine o'clock he filled their bags with candy and apples and popcorn and all sorts of goodies before he and Mrs. Bobble waved them on their way.

"Goodbye, Mr. and Mrs. Bobble," said Martha Cooper, "and thank you for everything. This was the nicest party we've ever had."

"Yes it was," said all the children.

"Come back soon, children," said Henry Bobble. "Come and play in our yard whenever you want. Our Roddy would have wanted it that way." And he put



Then all of a sudden he saw him in the back of the garden.

was a real ghost and he started calling me 'Roddy' and believe you me, I got out of there fast."

Just about that time Mrs. Bobble came hurrying down the street toward the children.

"Oh children," she said, "I'm so sorry for what happened, and Mr. Bobble is sorry too. He was all upset. Won't you forgive him and come back to our house?"

And because she'd been crying and looked so sad, the children smiled, and even little Sally said she's go back.

And were they glad they did! Mr. Bobble meant what he said. He apologized to them all and then gave them the grandest party ever—with three kinds of ice cream and two kinds of cookies and every kind of soda pop you can think of.

his arm around Mrs. Bobble and she was happier than she'd ever been since Roddy left them.

And do you know that the children in our story go to the Bobble yard all the time to play, and Henry Bobble just can't do enough for them? He makes kites for the boys and takes them fishing, and he mends the girl's dolls and makes doll furniture for them. And he thinks to this day that Billy Lee taking a short cut through his yard in his ghost costume was his own little son, Roddy, and no one is ever going to tell him differently.

But what everyone does know, is that wherever little Roddy is, he knows that his Dad loves little children now and he is happy that he is so kind to them.

The End.



## Workers' Institute

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an atmosphere in which workers and employers can work in harmony. Mr. W. F. Patterson, director of the Bureau of Apprenticeship of the United States Department of Labor, also addressed the luncheon meeting and discussed apprenticeship programs, and commended the A.F. of L. for its good work in the apprenticeship field.

The afternoon session of the institute, was devoted to the other side of the morning's topic, "The Trade Unionist's Responsibility to the Community." The panel leader was Arthur G. Elder, director of the I.L.G.W.U.'s Training Institute, assisted by M. H. Hedges of MSA, formerly Director of Research of our Brotherhood, and Theodore Brown, education director of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

The conference was concluded with a final discussion led by John D. Connors, director of the Workers Education Bureau of the A.F. of L., on "Where Do We Go From Here?"

This one-day conference was packed with pertinent information that its 200 participants were eager to absorb. As the sessions closed, those in attendance earnestly urged a repeat performance next year, lasting several days.

The man who acted as chairman for this institute and worked with Brothers Creager and Preller of L.U. 26 in planning out a successful program, was Edward H. Johns, executive secretary of the Baltimore Federation of Labor.

We congratulate the members of our local unions who worked to bring this successful institute about. We strongly urge our locals in every community to further such Workers' Education projects and to let us know about them so we may publicize them in our JOURNAL.

We are for more labor institutes, more workers' conferences, more local union study clubs, more ways and means of helping our members to help themselves.

## Vice President Ingram Passes



W. L. INGRAM

For the third time in a few short months, our Brotherhood has been saddened by the loss of a member of its official family.

On September 21, 1953, Brother W. L. Ingram, Vice President of the Seventh District, suffered a heart attack, while on business for our Brotherhood in Phoenix, Arizona, and died immediately. He was buried in Fort Worth, Texas, on September 23.

Louie Ingram was a man who gave the best part of his life to the labor movement and to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers which he served for so many years. Born September 5, 1893, he was initiated into L. U. 69 of Dallas, Texas, December 22, 1913. He served his apprenticeship as a lineman and transferred into L. U. 156 of Fort Worth on September 30, 1924. Brother Ingram worked at the trade until July 28, 1930 when he was appointed an International Organizer. Three years later when Vice President D. W. Tracy was elevated to the International Presidency of our Brotherhood, Louie Ingram took his place as Seventh District Vice President, in which capacity he served until his death.

Brother Ingram is survived by his widow, Seth, and a daughter, Mrs. Charles Erhard.

Our Brotherhood will not soon recover from this severe loss. Men of Louie Ingram's character and ability are not common and we shall miss him. May he rest in peace.





# Enamel Painting

## IS HIS HOBBY

Brother James Carey of L.U. 1514 has won national recognition for his ceramic art. Shown below is "Tight Lines," a seascape.

**T**HE Hobby story we bring you this month is the interesting account of a young Electrical Worker engaged in fixture manufacturing, who has taken certain aspects of his work, applied them to a life-long avocation and come up with a fascinating hobby which has brought him wide recognition and marked success.

James J. Carey is a member of L. U. 1514, Hanson, Massachusetts. He is employed as an enamel burner at Wheeler Reflector Company, Burrage, Massachusetts. For years before he ever joined our union or had anything to do with fixture manufacturing, Brother James Carey loved to paint and to draw.

At the age of seven, in his birthplace town of Whitman, Massachusetts (famous for its Toll House), little Jimmy Carey won an art prize for his lifelike drawing of an animal. The youngster definitely had talent, and so at the age of 12, he was given the opportunity to study with a local artist. Art wasn't Jimmy's only interest, however; he excelled in sports at Whitman High School and was a star catcher for his baseball team. After graduation he played semi-professional baseball in the same league with Rocky Marciano and struck up a friendship with him which has lasted through the years. Jim has painted a number of interesting studies of the heavy-weight champion of the world.

All the while Jim continued his



First step in Carey's hobby is cleaning the steel plate in a chemical solution, referred to as "pickling" metal.



After cleaning, two coats of enamel are sprayed, baked on plate to become picture.



study of art. His course at the School of Practical Art in Boston was interrupted by World War II and his enlistment in the United States Navy.

Brother Jim married his high school sweetheart in 1942, while she was still in training at a nursing school. After his discharge from service, Jim had still a new work experience. He took care of a baby daughter in the daytime while his wife finished her schooling, and he worked nights at Wheelers, as a member of L. U. 1514.

When his wife finished her nurses' training, Jim continued to work evenings and returned to art school during the day. He graduated in 1951 as an honor student.

While still in school Brother Carey began developing porcelain enamel paintings. After one and a half years of experimenting, he held his first exhibition in Duxbury, Massachusetts. Since then he has entered many competitive exhibitions and won several prizes. These events have been ably brought to our readers' attention in the "Local Lines" articles of Press Secretary Verda Lane of L. U. 1514.

In April 1953, Brother Carey had an exhibition at the Arts Club of Washington, D. C. and as your JOURNAL went to press, some of Brother Carey's paintings were on exhibit at the Smithsonian Institute and were photographed by our



A Carey ceramic painting, "Beachcomber's Cache," is admired by a visitor to the ceramic arts exhibit at Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D. C.

JOURNAL photographer as one of the illustrations for this article.

Brother Jim lives with his wife and their son and two daughters in an attractive Cape Cod house in Hanson, which he designed and helped to build. The basement is arranged as a studio-workshop for the man of the house, and days find Brother Carey very busy working on his enamel paintings and free lance commercial and newspaper work, while he continues to work evenings at Wheelers.

We asked Brother Carey to outline for us the process by which he produces his lovely ceramic paintings which have been described as "a new innovation of the oldest of arts."

A finished ceramic picture represents seven separate and complete operations.

A plate of special steel is first pickled or cleaned in chemical baths. On this is sprayed a ground coat of porcelain enamel. The plate is then fired at a very high temper-

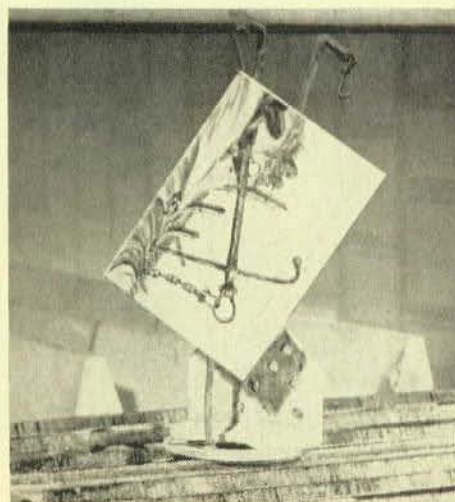
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Bro. Carey painting on a fired plate in his basement studio. A ceramic pigment contains glass.



The finished painting is fired at a temperature of 1600 degrees. Here a firing is observed by Brother Carey.



The fired painting with pigment now fused to metal is removed from kiln after slowly cooling to avoid stress.



# With the Ladies



## Ten Thoughts on Happiness

LAST month on the bottom of our Woman's Page we had a little item "Thought for the Month." This item evoked quite a bit of interest and some of our readers asked that a similar item be inserted each month. We'll be glad to cooperate on this, but your interest gave us an idea for our whole page this month—so we bring you 10 thoughts on happiness and our comments on them.

Everybody wants to be happy. From the time we're born until we die we all struggle for that illusive, rosy, wonderful feeling of peace and contentment we call happiness. Some achieve it to the fullest, others seem always to just escape capturing it. There is no set formula which will insure it but many writers and philosophers have had their ideas about how happiness might be attained and held. We bring you some of these formulas here.

### Don't Complain

(1) "That load becomes light which is cheerfully borne."—Ovid.

There's a wealth of truth in this ancient quotation. Have you ever noticed two people doing the same distasteful job? Sometimes one person will complain about having to do it and the other will not. If a job has to be done, complaining never made it easier, it only makes it harder because it emphasizes the unpleasant frame of mind the one is in who has to do the work. Doing it with the best grace possible and not stopping to gripe and complain, the job gets done

more quickly. Might think about this one.

### Make Mealtimes Cheerful

(2) "A cheerful look makes a dish a feast."—Herbert.

This saying brings home a principle we have advocated for years on these pages in your JOURNAL—that is, making every mealtime pleasant. Dinner time, when all the family is together, should be the happiest time of the day for everyone. All the trials and tribulations of the day, the scoldings the children deserve, the annoyances encountered, should be forgotten "in the blessed hour of our dinners." And perhaps with food prices being sky high the way they are, sometimes the food isn't always the best. Fix it the best way you know how and serve it with a smile as if it were fit for a king. If you have the right attitude and a cheerful, uncomplaining spirit, your family will follow suit and every dinner hour will be a rich, rewarding experience.

### Keep Smiling

(3) "He who sings frightens away his ills."—Cervantes.

There's nothing like acting cheerful to engender cheerfulness in ourselves. When you feel down and out and blue, don't give way to a dreary face and downcast mouth—try to smile and hum a happy little tune even if it nearly chokes you. It's surprising how much better you'll soon begin to feel.

(4) "The happiest heart that ever beat

Was in some quiet breast  
That found the common day-  
light sweet  
And left to Heaven the rest."

—John Vance Cheney

The little lesson for happiness found in these words has its climax in the last line. What it says is, do the best you can, enjoy each day as it comes and don't worry about tomorrow—leave that to God.

(5) "It is not, believe me, the act of a wise man to say, 'I will live.' Tomorrow life is too late; live today."  
—Martial.

This one is on the same theme as number four, just preceding.

So many, many people ignore the happiness around them, the common joys they could have every day of their lives, in striving for some nebulous happiness of the future. Live every day as it comes and enjoy it to the fullest. Today you have. Don't waste it.

### Share Your Happiness

(6) "All who joy would win

Must share it—

Happiness was born a twin."

—Byron.

This one to me, means two things—first by doing things for other people, making them happy, you acquire happiness for yourself. And second, if you are happy, share your happiness with others less fortunate. There are so many confused, unhappy people in the world, if we ourselves are happy and can, by our cheerful friendliness, extend a little of our happiness to them, we'll not only help them, we'll increase our own happiness. It just works that way.

(7) "It is hard to fail; but it is worse never to have tried to succeed."

—Theodore Roosevelt.

This one has to do with our ambitions—our trying to do something in our own right to bring about our happiness. So many, many people fail. They fail in striving to attain whatever it is they want most. But they





have not really failed. Those who are the failures are the ones who never tried for any goal.

### Sometimes Failure Is Success

Let me give you one little example of this from out of my own experience. I once worked with two girls, Ann Smith and Betty Brown. They both wanted a certain desirable job in our company. Betty just wanted it, but never did one single thing to acquire it. On the other hand, Ann worked very hard, took courses at night to fit herself for the job, learned all she could about the company in the hopes of getting the coveted position. Then came the day—there was a vacancy in the job and Ann applied. She didn't get it. She was disappointed naturally but could anyone say she had failed? I don't think so. She had become more valuable in her old job, had won several raises and finally got to be supervisor of a section. It wasn't the job she wanted but it was a good one. No Ann wasn't a failure. The one who failed was Betty, because she didn't even try.

(8) *"The first lesson of life is to burn our own smoke; that is, not to inflict on outsiders our personal sorrows and petty markedness, not to keep thinking of ourselves as exceptional cases."*—James Russell Lowell.

Gals, this is an important one. Everyone of us knows somebody who is "put upon." Everybody treats her mean, she's got more troubles than anybody else and she tells them to any and all who will listen. We've got to guard against this. If we would enkindle happiness, we don't constantly bring up and talk about our unhappiness, and we especially avoid visiting it on other people who have enough troubles of their own.

### Never Forget to Forget

(9) Japanese proverb:

*"My shirt with tears is always wet  
I have forgotten to forget."*

Golly, how important this one is, and it's along the same vein as the preceding quote. Learn to forget the unhappy, bitter experiences of your life. Think on, talk about, the happy ones and let the others die. Don't keep prodding old wounds. Never forget to forget!

(10) *"No man is happy unless he believes he is."*—Publius Syrus.

Old Publius Syrus gave us those words of wisdom 50 years before the birth of Christ.

If you really want to be happy, count your blessings. Say, "I ought to be happy — I really am happy." Girls, you can talk yourself into it. Just don't let yourself be unhappy.



## Pocatello Recipes



This month we salute in your JOURNAL the interesting city of Pocatello, Idaho and we bring you some recipes typical of this area of our country.

The following seems to be a favorite recipe in the entire Eighth District. Mrs. Clyde Williams, wife of the business manager of Local Union 68, Denver, sent it to us.

### BARBECUED PORK CHOPS

1½ pounds of pork chops	1 tablespoon salt
1 tablespoon celery seed	1 tablespoon paprika
1 tablespoon chili powder	1 cup tomato puree
¼ cup brown sugar	¼ cup vinegar

Have chops cut thick. Make a dry sauce by mixing celery seed, chili powder, brown sugar, salt and paprika—rub most of this on meat and let stand over night—to remaining dry sauce, add tomato puree and vinegar. Bake in moderate oven (375°F) for 2½ hours—baste often.

We could never have recipes representative of the great state of Idaho without

### BAKED IDAHO POTATOES

Wash and dry potatoes thoroughly, and rub well with shortening if a soft skin is desired. Bake in a hot oven (400°F.) for 45 to 60 minutes or until potatoes are soft when pressed together with the fingers. Remove from oven and make 2 gashes in the center of the potatoes, in the form of a cross; press potato with the fingers. Insert a large piece of butter, season with salt and pepper and serve piping hot. Allow 1 potato per person.

With baked potatoes it is nice to serve a sectioned relish dish containing chopped onions, crumbled bacon and grated cheese. Then each person may sprinkle his potato with the garnish of his choice.

### "McGINTIES"

(A Favorite Pioneer Recipe)

1 pound dried apples	1½ tablespoons cinnamon
1½ cups light brown sugar	1½ recipes plain pastry
½ teaspoon salt	Butter

Wash apples and soak in water to cover, overnight. Cook until very tender in water in which they were soaked, adding more water if needed. Press through a colander, add sugar to make sweet and rich, also salt and cinnamon; cook until thick, stirring constantly toward the last to prevent scorching. Line the bottom and half way up the sides of a dripping pan with pastry, spread the apple mixture at least ½ inch thick over the pastry, dot liberally with butter, cover with pastry into which a design has been cut to allow escape of steam, press edges together and bake in hot oven (450° F.) for 10 minutes; reduce heat to moderate (350° F.) and bake 20 to 25 minutes longer, or until crust is done. Cut in squares and serve warm or cold. Serves 12.

### RAISIN BISCUITS

2½ cups sifted flour	2 eggs
1 tablespoon sugar	¾ cup milk
4 teaspoons baking powder	½ cup shortening
½ teaspoon salt	1½ cups seeded raisins

Sift flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Beat eggs and add to milk. Cut shortening into flour, stir in milk and egg. Add raisins. Turn onto a well-floured board and knead lightly until smooth, using more flour if necessary. Cut with small biscuit cutter and bake in a hot oven (450° F.) for 15 minutes. Serve hot. Makes 12 to 15 biscuits.



## Our Auxiliaries

### To Our Auxiliaries:

Ladies, we have been so crowded for space in the pages of our JOURNAL recently, that sometimes the correspondence from our auxiliaries has not appeared until some weeks after it was received. We want you to know, however, that we are delighted to have this correspondence from you, and we promise that all letters received will be published. Your International Officers are well aware of the value of auxiliaries in the trade union movement. We urge their founding. We encourage them to write to us if we can give advice or be of service. We shall try to set a section of our JOURNAL aside each month exclusively for the correspondence from our auxiliaries. We welcome pictures also. So, ladies, write us of your activities. Our women all over the country are doing splendid work, particularly with respect to the work of Labor's League for Political Education and promotion of union label goods. Let others know what you are doing. Keep up your good work. It is necessary work—appreciated work. We congratulate you!

All good wishes.

J. SCOTT MILNE,  
International Secretary.

Following are accounts of the activities of some of our local auxiliaries:

### L. U. 340, SACRAMENTO, CALIF.—

The women's auxiliary of Local Union No. 340, I.B.E.W., Sacramento, California, was started on its way Thursday, April 30, 1953, with a very impressive candlelight ceremony and installation of officers.

Mrs. Johnson, chairman pro tem., presided over the meeting in a very competent manner. Several members of Local Union No. 340 spoke and gave their encouragement and best wishes. Mrs. William Durst pinned a corsage of white gardenias on each candidate and an orchid on the incoming president.

Mr. Durst, president of Local Union 340, gave the oath of office to the

following: Mrs. Jane Galvin, president; Mrs. Ann Hansen, first vice president; Mrs. Eloise Wyman, second vice president; Mrs. Dorothy Tompkins, recording secretary; Mrs. Barbara Halverson, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Catherine Messer, treasurer; Mrs. Madge Mielenz, Mrs. Dorothy Lang and Mrs. Grace Lansdown, Executive Board.

Mrs. Johnson then presented the gavel to Mrs. Jane Galvin, who took over the meeting. Mrs. Galvin thanked Mr. Messer and his committee and all members of the local who

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Temporary officers during organization of Local Union No. 340's auxiliary: Mrs. William Messer, treasurer, and Mrs. W. N. Johnson, chairman, with Mr. Charles N. Crawford, business manager and financial secretary of L. U. 340.



The parties in the picture are, from right to left: Mrs. K. K. Mielenz, executive board member; Mrs. W. E. Messer, treasurer; Mrs. C. W. Halverson, corresponding secretary; Mrs. H. E. Tompkins, recording secretary; Mrs. J. C. Galvin, president; Mrs. J. S. Wyman, second vice president; Mrs. B. H. Hansen, first vice president; Mrs. G. K. Lansdown, executive board member; Mrs. G. K. Lange, executive board member; and standing in rear Mrs. W. N. Johnson, chairman pro tem.





1. What great master of movie make-up played the title role in the silent version of "The Hunchback of Notre Dame?"

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2. "Coquette" was an early starring role for "America's Sweetheart." Who was she?

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3. "The Birth of A Nation" was filmed in 1915; is still being shown. Who was its famous producer-director?

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4. The early silent era was marked by several great epics dealing with religious subjects. "The King of Kings" and "Ben Hur" were two. Name a third one, directed by Cecil B. De Mille.

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5. A great female star of the era played in two "Anna" pictures, totally unrelated: "Anna Karenina" and "Anna Christie." Who was she?

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6. Who was the be-spectacled comedy star of "The Freshman?"

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7. Who was the child star of "The Little Colonel?"

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8. One of the great comedians of the silent movies was known as "Fatty." What was his last name?

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9. Who was known as the "IT" girl?

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10. Today's Marilyn Monroe is known as "her successor." She played in the "Platinum Blonde" and "Hell's Angels." Who was she?

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11. Who was the male star of "Cimmaron?" He was the manly-type hero who made the flappers of the '20's swoon.

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12. What was the "Royal Family" of acting and the movies?

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13. Who was "The Shiek?"

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14. In what film was the role of Sadie Thompson famous?

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15. In what type of roles did William S. Hart star?

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16. What great humorist had the title role in "A Connecticut Yankee At King Arthur's Court?"

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17. What was the title of the first "talkie?"

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18. A great comedy team was Marie Dressler and a man with whom she played a series of roles. Who was he?

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19. In a film released in 1936, Charles Laughton played the famous part of a sea captain. What was the picture?

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20. The usual length of a feature movie today runs about (60) (70) (80) (90) (100) (120) minutes (Pick one).

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# QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

*Q. I have a thermal couple A.C.-R.F. amp meter, purchased in a war surplus store. Can this meter be used as an ordinary A.C. amp meter. If not, why?*

JAMES N. SMITH  
Morris, Manitoba

A. This R.F. ammeter should work on 60 cycle A.C. and be more accurate than at the high frequency. However, it must be recalibrated against a reliable vacuum tube voltmeter for at least three points along the new scale and fill in the gradient desired between these points. Some R.F. meters will not work at all in the 60 cycle current, but preliminary tests will indicate whether or not deflections of the needle are obtained within the current range of the meter.

*Q. Regarding television grounds on outside of house. How can a coaxial cable from an antenna be grounded on outside of house before lead in comes to set. This includes upright 1" aluminum pole on top of building. Would like to get some information and diagram as to how it can be done.*

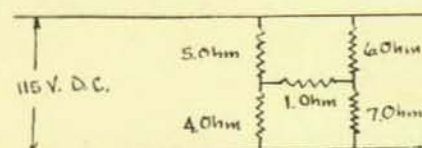
WALTER C. BAUER  
Richmond Hill, N. Y.

A. The 1" aluminum pole that supports the dipole may be directly grounded outside of the house to a water service pipe or driven ground rod with A.W.G. #6 or #8 ground wire as desired. No

lighting arrester is required. The mesh of the 72 ohm coaxial cable is connected to one terminal on the antenna, while the center conductor is connected to the other terminal. Do not connect the mesh to the ground wire as there will be an impedance mismatch and set will not function properly. This cannot be done for sets that operate on direct current.

If the 300 ohm flat ribbon coaxial is used the simple lighting arrester, such as trade name, "J.F.D. No. AT-105," is used and the ground connection taken to the incoming water service pipe ahead of valves.

*Q. In the circuit below, how can the amperage in each of the five resistances be calculated?*



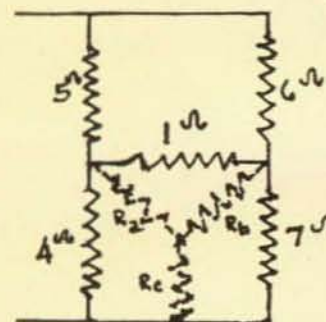
JOHN V. MANTINO  
Lexington, Mo.

A. It is necessary to find the total of the resistances of the circuit first so that the total current may be calculated: The equivalent of the bottom loop is shown in dashed lines and is calculated as follows:

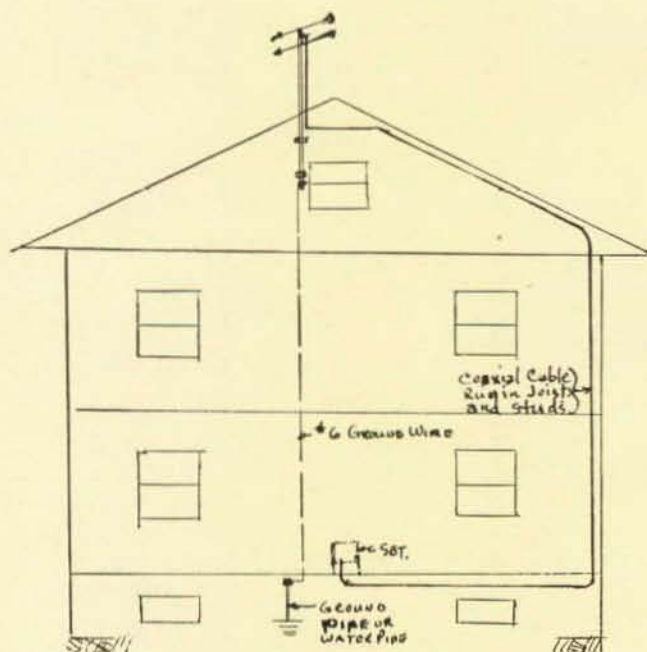
$$R_a = \frac{1 \times 4}{1 + 7 + 4} = \frac{4}{12}$$

$$R_b = \frac{1 \times 7}{1 + 7 + 4} = \frac{7}{12}$$

$$R_c = \frac{4 \times 7}{1 + 7 + 4} = \frac{28}{12}$$



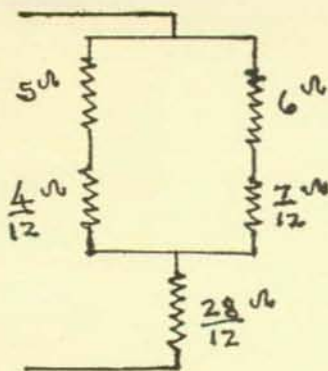
The above resistance circuit now becomes as shown below also the



Grounding coaxial cable outside house.



calculations for the total of the series and parallel resistances:



$$R_T = \frac{5 \cdot 4/12 \times 6 \cdot 7/12}{5 \cdot 4/12 + 6 \cdot 7/12} + \frac{28}{12}$$

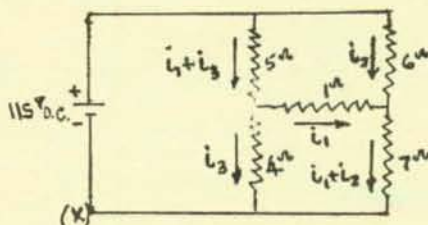
$$R_T = \frac{5056}{144} \times \frac{12}{143} + \frac{28}{12}$$

$$R_T = 2.95 + 2.33 = 5.28 \Omega$$

The total current ( $I_T$ ) is calculated from Ohm's Law:

$$I_T = \frac{E}{R} = \frac{115 \text{ V}}{5.28 \Omega} = 21.78 \text{ Amps.}$$

The diagram with the probable or assumed direction of current flow and the values of voltage and resistance is as shown below:



$$i_1 + i_2 + i_3 = I_T$$

$$i_3 = 21.78 - i_1 - i_2$$

To find the values of  $i_1$  and  $i_2$  it is necessary to apply Kirchhoff's Laws for direct current to obtain two equations or more which may be solved simultaneously to find the two unknown values.

Starting at (X) and going completely around the outside loop in a clockwise direction one will obtain the equation:

$$(1) 115 - 6 i_2 - 7 (i_1 + i_2) = 0$$

Starting at (X) again and going around the inside loop in a clockwise direction:

$$(2) 115 - 5 (i_1 + i_2) - 4 i_3 = 0$$

Simply the equations by substituting the value of  $i_3 = 21.78 - i_1 - i_2$  and combining like terms. Thus (1) becomes,  $7 i_1 + 13 i_2 = 115$  and (2) becomes,  $14 i_1 + 9 i_2 = 126.78$ .

To cancel out  $i_1$  it is necessary to multiply equation (1) by  $-2$  and then add (1) and (2).

$$\begin{aligned} -14 i_1 - 26 i_2 &= -230. \\ 14 i_1 + 9 i_2 &= 126.78 \\ \hline -17 i_2 &= -103.22. \\ i_2 &= 6.72 \text{ amperes.} \end{aligned}$$

To find the value of  $i_1$  substitute the value of  $i_2$  in equation (2):

$$\begin{aligned} 14 i_1 + 9 (6.72) &= 126.78 \\ 14 i_1 &= 66.3 \\ i_1 &= 4.74 \text{ amperes} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{And } i_3 &= 21.78 - 4.74 - 6.72 \\ i_3 &= 10.32 \text{ amperes.} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore by summing the currents as indicated in the diagram above the current through each resistor is obtained.

## Comment

We are appreciative of the corrective responses concerning the types of currents for spark plug ignition, by Bros. H. L. Lutzow, Chicago, Ill., I. R. Carroll, L.U. 1141, Oklahoma City, Okla., J. H. Anderson, Chinook, Montana, Frank Andrews, Modesto, Calif., and Sydney E. Bourne, Placerville, California.

Brother Lutzow's letter appears below:

Sir: I beg to differ with your answer concerning the current and voltage across a pair of spark plug points.

This current is definitely of the (A.C.) variety. That is it is a damped wave of current.

The first half cycle which occurs when the dist. points make contact serves to energize a tank circuit consisting of the primary of the coil and the shunting capacitor.

The spark at the coil does not occur during this first half cycle because sufficient voltage is not developed in the secondary at this time. It requires a rapid change in current to develop a high voltage in the secondary. This rapid change occurs when the distr. contacts open. The current at this time falls instantaneously to zero. The energy now is in the magnetic field. When the current falls to zero this field collapses and cuts the coil in the opposite direction. It is the magnetic field which now takes over and causes the current and voltage in the circuit. But the current must now flow in the opposite direction because the field

is falling in the opposite direction to its rise. The voltage now is great because the change in current is great. Therefore the current and voltage reach a maximum during the second half cycle when the current is flowing in the opposite direction. This alteration takes place until the energy has spent itself heating the circuit due to the resistance in the circuit.

As a matter of fact unless suppressors are used a great many frequencies of alternating current may be developed in the system depending on the length of wires on the spark plugs.

HERMAN L. LUTZOW  
Chicago, Ill.

## Neutral Wire

Brother L. A. Knutson, Local No. 953, La Crosse, Wis., also pointed out that Bro. R. W. Crosby's formula for current in the neutral wire is based on the phases having unity power factor which is generally not found in practice.

An excellent letter on the subject also was received from Brother Kenneth Graves of Denver, Colo.

Brother Knutson's letter follows.

Sir: Just finished going over the June 1953 JOURNAL. I find the section on Questions and Answers rather interesting. This month I disagree with the method of answer as given by R. W. Crosby on the solution of the unbalanced currents in the four wire Y system.

I do not have the October 1952 issue so can not check the original problem. There is no mention made of what the power factor is of the circuits, whether it is unity, balanced or unbalanced. This would have a great deal to do with the correct answer. The formula derived can only be correct for unity P.F. or where all phases have a balance power factor, otherwise the formula will be incorrect. In a practical circuit, the power factor is not unity and likely will not be balanced, due to inductive loads etc.

LAURENCE A. KNUTSON  
Local 953



## World of Shadow

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scythe of progress, many of the early major film deities were eliminated. For in 1927 Warner Brothers produced the first feature film with dialogue and music. With the "Jazz Singer" a nation-wide hit, the old silent movie followed the model-T to the graveyard.

During the first World War, American films had come to occupy about 80 percent of the world's screen time. And with the coming of sound to the movies, the American talking picture was still to dominate the screens of English-speaking lands with Hollywood becoming a pool of talent tapped from the reservoirs of the world. At the same time, in the United States motion pictures were focused on masses of the community as in no other nation. Because of this, the industry was moved in 1922 to organize the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, Inc., popularly known as the Hay's Office, to protect the public. This organization in 1934 established the Production Code Administration under Joseph I. Breen, which applied the Ten Commandments to the movies. The Catholic Legion of Decency has also had a good influence from the moral standpoint on films.

Each year brought a new name, a new face to the screen and to the hearts of the movie-loving public—Louise Rainer, Paul Muni, Bette Davis, Gary Cooper, Claudette Colbert, Clark Gable, Robert Taylor, Katherine Hepburn, Spencer Tracy, Cary Grant, Judy Garland, Ray Milland, Gregory Peck. The American public and the far-flung audience of the world saw the prohibition era portrayed on the screen by Jimmy Cagney and Edward G. Robinson; they saw small town life reflected in the Andy Hardy series. They captured romance with Nelson Eddy and Jeanette MacDonald, found their childhood again in the footsteps of Miss Shirley Temple, and delighted in the world of fantasy created by Walt Disney. They saw some of the poverty often found in this life in "The Grapes of Wrath,"

and "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn." And they danced their troubles away with Fred Astaire and Gene Kelly. They saw the sweep of history in "Gone With the Wind," and found spiritual inspiration in "Going My Way," and "The Song of Bernadette."

All the while the fabulous art of the movies had been growing up and during the war it found another place for itself as an educational medium used by the services for documentary films. By 1947, American public schools were using around 50,000 motion picture projectors.

The film industry emerged from the war facing the greatest challenge of its eventful history. Television in America was to shrink audiences alarmingly and many predicted Hollywood would find itself only a factory for making TV shows. But perhaps these prophesiers did not take into account the advantage of the tremendously wider scope and dramatic power of movies over television as well as the love of being part of a viewing audience which has been an instinct of man since the days of Sophocles and Aeschylus. Still, movies of necessity would have to raise their standards to compete with the new medium.

Another stimulus which served to push the movie industry, heretofore synonymous with Hollywood, to attempt greater dramatic heights in order to maintain that central position, was, and continue to be the post-war, low-budget, naturalistic Italian films. Still another ever-increasing threat to Hollywood is the deftly-directed and acted British product which has shown indisputably in films such as "Hamlet" and "Henry V" of what dramatic beauty the screen is capable. The British have another sure-fire audience winner in their subtle type of comedy film which has reached the screen in growing numbers.

While the old film capital recently was feeling the pinch of competition, a dip in box office receipts and falling attendance, and stars and officials alike were pulling in their belts to cope with drastic pay reductions, all was not

dark along Sunset Boulevard. Lavish epics such as "Ivanhoe" and "Quo Vadis" proved that Hollywood still had the magic touch that could pile up huge profits at the box office. And if the routine picture was being ignored by the public, most film producers thought they had found the answer by jumping on the 3-D bandwagon. (Three-dimensional effects had been studied first by Sir Charles Wheatstone in 1838 when he invented the Stereoscope. Three-D movies were tried with no success in 1922-23.)

One system in use today ("Bwana Devil" and "House of Wax") is the stereopticon film in which a double image is cast upon the screen through the use of double strips of film. Polaroid glasses worn by the audience separate the images to give a true three-dimensional illusion.

Cinerama, now in use on Broadway, employs three projection machines focused on a wide curved screen. Viewers have the illusion of depth without wearing polaroid glasses because of the curved nature of the screen and its great width.

Twentieth Century Fox's system known as Cinemascope, while similar to Cinerama, differs in that only one camera and consequently only one projector are used. The illusion of being surrounded by things to see created by the wide, curved screen is heightened by the use of a stereophonic sound system, which makes the sound seem to come exactly from its point of origin.

With the wolves howling at Hollywood's door much as the night-raiding coyotes in the early days of De Mille and the "Squaw Man," audiences can demand and expect entertainment of the highest calibre of which motion pictures are capable. Perhaps now the motion picture will outgrow its last growing pain.

But whether the future holds greater glories for Hollywood, or whether it will give up its scepter to overseas competitors, or whether it will find its outlet solely through television, man will not give up his shadow world which took him 80 centuries to make his own.



## Glass Bottle Blowers Story

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on the production of the glass container industry, the GBBA once more followed its customary role of coming to the aid of the industry, surpassing management in its professional advertising campaign to promote the sale of the industry's products and thus increase employment for its members. The Glass Bottle Blowers spend thousands of dollars each year educating the public to advantages of glass containers over paper, tin and other substitutes. All media of communication have been used—radio, television, magazines and contests. One contest was the one in which the GBBA sponsored a glass hobby competition in which one thousand dollars in Savings Bonds was offered for the best ideas for making useful articles for the home from glass bottles. Entries poured in from all over the United States and even from Denmark, Mexico and India. The variety of unique and useful ideas received were a tribute to the skill and ingenuity of the contestants. Among the entries were lamps, kitchen aids, vases, dolls, bar decorations, smokers' accessories and garden implements. Equally varied were the kind of bottles used, which formerly contained such items as wine, soda, beer, milk,

medicine, spices, shampoo, ink, cosmetics and jellies. So interesting was the response to the contest that the GBBA published a 24-page booklet entitled "How to Make Useful Articles for the Home From Glass Bottles."

With all its promotional activity the Glass Bottle Blowers Association has certainly not neglected its basic job as a trade union.

Since the war, wages for members in the glass bottle blowing industry have increased from 50 to 100 percent. These workers now find themselves close to the level of the top wage earners in America. Recent collective bargaining agreements provide sizable increases including pensions, improvements in insurance benefits and additional paid holidays, bringing the total increases since 1950 to more than 30 cents an hour.

A recent survey showed that glass container output was 16 billion a year. This means that 43,800,000 containers are sold each day. As we mentioned above, the work of the GBBA is by no means confined to bottles and containers. Every day new technological advances bring an improvement in methods and new uses for glass in the home. And members of the Glass Bottle Blowers are making

these products. The GBBA has been especially successful in organizing the new fiberglass industry. Because of its fire resisting abilities, glass is being used for attractive fiberglass draperies. They are washable, dry quickly without wrinkling and require no ironing. New glass fibers have proven excellent media for home insulation as well as for the acoustic requirements of modern building.

The home of the future may be made of glass blocks with glass shingles, glass fireplace screens and even glass "blackboards" for the children. Glass fibers are being used for bullet-proof vests and life preservers. The members of the Glass Bottle Blowers Association who went through rigorous years when the industry changed from a skilled craft to a mechanized trade, look forward to the future with confidence. In the past few years the union has organized 75 percent of the new fiberglass industry.

The Glass Bottle Blowers Association is fortunate in having alert, progressive leadership. It has made vast strides under President Lee Minton and his competent fellow officers.

The growth of the GBBA in the past 20 years has been nothing less than phenomenal. In 1932 it had approximately 1,000 members. Today it has nearly 50,000. Branch-



First step in manufacture of glass is mining the high grade silica sands which are basic ingredient of glass. Scenes above show blasting operation in sand-mining. GBBA member at left is checking firing line and fuses before a quarry blast is made. At right, dynamite sticks go off, blasting a seam of quartzite from a cliff face.



ing out into allied sections of its trade, sand, soda, ash and lime, closures, plastics, packaging, has increased its field of organizing, and that organizing is going forward.

Yes, the Glass Bottle Blowers Association is expanding its horizons. This year it purchased an 18-story building in the heart of downtown Philadelphia. This building has been completely and very beautifully renovated and fully equipped with all modern accoutrements. Just two months ago, the GBBA began publishing a most attractive and interesting monthly magazine, appropriately entitled "Glass Horizons."

Through the years the Glass Bottle Blowers have consistently opened new horizons to their membership. We of the electrical industry like to consider this era the electrical age. But it may certainly also be termed the "glass age." We congratulate this union and its leaders on all they have done so well. We wish them all success in the future. We strongly urge our members to support these progressive unionists—buy products in glass containers, purchase union-made fiberglass products. Do all you can to aid our Brothers and Sisters in the AFL, remembering that what helps one of us helps us all.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to bring to all our readers, the Glass Bottle Blowers Story.

## Spotlight on Pocatello

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snows came. One day the horses bogged down in seven feet of snow and the carrier walked on snowshoes over the drifts dragging the mail on a sled. He felt he had done a pretty heroic thing in getting the mail through at all, but the postmistress pointed to the clock and docked him for being late.

### Work, Play Hard

The boy was disappointed but not discouraged. He went home

and made snowshoes for his horses and taught them to walk with them and from that day on the mail was never late. That's the spirit of a native of Pocatello. He refuses to be stumped! Yes, the Pocatellans are marvelous people—at home in tuxedo or blue jeans. Silver dollars jingle in their pockets. They work hard and play hard.

Of course the part of the Pocatello story which meant the most to us and which will mean most to our readers, centers around our own local union people there. The first electric light plant was established in 1893. It was the Swinehart Electric Light Plant and was established on the banks of Poreneuf. In 1900 city electric lights—17 of them were established. It was not so much later that our first local was established in Pocatello.

### Chartered in 1905

This was Local 449 chartered November 15, 1905. Today Pocatello is a union town with 36 different labor organizations representing the various trades there. These unions have a beautiful, modern labor temple (our local meets and has offices there) and conditions for the more than 7000 men and women who belong to the unions of Pocatello today are good, but in the early days the going was pretty rough.

We talked with Mr. August Rosqvist, the father of one of our International Representatives, about the story of the early days of union organizing in Pocatello. Mr. Rosqvist is a Carpenter and has probably contributed more to the success of the trade union movement in Pocatello than any other living person. Mr. Rosqvist told us how the labor pioneers worked all day and then drove all night from place to place organizing, paying their own expenses and then going back to work again. They had to fight firings and black listings and company unions but with characteristic spirit they persevered and won out and today Pocatello takes the lead over all towns in Idaho for the best union conditions.

We visited some of our L.U. 449 men on the jobs on which they are employed. At the new Bannock Memorial Hospital we found them installing the most modern electrical equipment available. Incidentally, our Vice President Wright is on the Board of Directors of this hospital and our locals in Pocatello furnished a room there.

We visited sign shops, electrical shops, motor repair departments, various city jobs—for example a new elementary school being erected and in each instance we were proud of the ability and know-how exhibited by our members.

One extremely interesting job visited was the mammoth project, Pallsades Dam which the Bureau of Reclamation is erecting on Snake River. Now it looks like a huge hole in the earth. In five years it will be the second largest earth-filled dam ever created by the Bureau, 2400 feet wide and 265 feet high and will employ 90 of our men.

We wish space would permit a longer account of the work of our more than 300 members of L.U. 449 in Pocatello and environs.

Our second local in Pocatello is L.U. 582, our railroad local. More than 100 IBEW members help to keep things humming electrically in this rail center of the West.

We have been pleased and proud to bring you this brief account of a great state, a great city and a great union there. Our Eighth District Vice Presidential offices are headquartered in Pocatello, in modern, attractive offices pictured for you on these pages.

### Appreciation

We are grateful to our local union officers and members for assisting us in acquiring pictures and material for this article. We mention especially Vice President Wright and International Representatives Anderson and Belisle, and Business Manager Jenkins of L.U. 449, for their particular help.

We spotlight Pocatello, rugged city of the Old West and the new atomic age. We wish Pocatello and its people continued success and progress.



## Editorials

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### Back to School

Last month saw our sons and daughters going back to school. It saw something else—it saw thousands of adults going back to school also. I believe the education records of our country show better than one out of every four adults who have presumably finished their schooling, returning to classrooms all over the nation. This is a wonderful and encouraging sign. A man or a woman is never too old to learn, to improve, and we are delighted to find that many of our own members are enrolled in all sorts of courses from those on electronics, to parliamentary law and public speaking.

There are many who will cast disparaging remarks—"Going to school all your life!" "What do you want to bother with that for!" Might be a point for the hecklers to check up on—when the promotions come in the company, when the elections come in the union, when city and state committee jobs are passed out, you may be pretty sure the guys who have cared enough to try to improve themselves, have a pretty good chance of being on the list.

No one is too old to learn. Learning, studying, keeps you alert and interested and incidentally inter-

esting. The man who constantly strives to improve, will seldom find himself in a rut.

More power to the students and may we have more of them!

### Hope for a Hungry World

One of the most distressing and discouraging aspects of present-day international relations is the fact that over half the world goes to bed hungry every night. But we sincerely hope it will not always be thus. In this regard, there was an encouraging note recorded at certain meetings of American chemists and biologists recently.

The chemists made announcements that certain antibiotics can be put to use to increase the world food supply. Use of aureomycin has been found to produce larger animals, while streptomycin has proved completely effective in overcoming plant blights, and other antibiotics keep fish and meat from spoiling.

The biologists' contribution to this vital problem concerned experiments in artificial photosynthesis (which causes plant growth) which is claimed to be 20 times as effective as the natural photosynthesis of sunlight in causing plants to grow.

This is science with a heart for humanity. We're certainly all in favor of it.

## Auxiliaries

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so efficiently assisted the auxiliary in organizing.

Mr. Charles Crawford, business manager of Local Union 340, closed the meeting by presenting an orchid to Mrs. Messer and Mrs. Johnson for their untiring efforts in getting the organization started, and addressed the meeting.

After the meeting was adjourned, cake and coffee were served to members and their husbands who were guests and a social evening was enjoyed.

BARBARA HALVERSON, C. S.

**L. U. 569, SAN DIEGO, CALIF.**—The ladies auxiliary to Electricians 569 held its installation dinner and candle-light ceremony on June 29 at Henry Langhorst's Restaurant. Officers installed were: President, Mary Grover; Vice President, Nell Bynum; Secretary, Jeanette McCann; Treasurer, Gwen Robbins; Chaplain, Della Peterson; Parliamentarian, Gertrude Alcaraz; trustees, Loraine Parkman, Frankie Dudley and Betty Lab; and Delegate-at-Large, Viola Garnett.

A white rose corsage with the jewel symbolic of her office was presented to each officer. The outgoing officers received gifts. The corsages

were made by Gertrude Alcaraz. Betty Hardman and Ruby Robinson were chairmen of the dinner and entertainment following.

Several delegates from the auxiliary attended the Joint Southern Conference of Electrical Auxiliaries at Santa Barbara on July 18. Gertrude Alcaraz was reelected president of the Conference. Jeanette McCann was elected treasurer and Mary Grover a member of the Board. Mr. George Mulkey, Representative of the I.B.E.W., was installing officer. Mr. Mulkey and M. J. Collins, financial secretary and business manager of Local 569, were speakers following the installation ceremony.

July 28, after the business session, the auxiliary celebrated the birthdays of the members with a gift exchange, refreshments and entertainment. The committee for the party was composed of Viola Garnett, Loraine Parkman, Betty Hardman and Ruby Robinson.

Saturday, August 1, is the date set for the patio potluck dinner for the husbands. It will be held at the home of the Claude Robinsons. Entertainment will follow the dinner.

Thursday, August 13, the auxiliary will entertain the children at a picnic at the San Diego Zoo.

The auxiliary is participating in "Auxiliary Day," a part of the pro-

gram for women visitors to the North American Apprenticeship Conference being held in San Diego from August 2nd to 9th.

JEANETTE MCCANN, P. C.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Arthur E. Edwards has been appointed by International President Tracy, International Vice President of the Seventh District, succeeding Vice President W. L. Ingram who passed away in September. Brother Edwards' appointment has been confirmed by our International Executive Council and became effective October 8, 1953. Brother Edwards is a member of L. U. 1141 of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He was initiated into that local on April 16, 1930. Since January 1940 Brother Edwards has been a member of our International staff, assigned to the Seventh District.



## Eighth District Progress Meet

(Photo Identification)

### Financial Secretaries

*First row, left to right:* L. F. Anderson, International Representative; C. H. Baker, L.U. 415; V. G. Pearson, L.U. 57; Lloyd E. Chapman, L.U. 860; Elmer L. Jones, L.U. 925; Bart P. Saunders, International Representative; Henry A. Johnson, L.U. 1081; K. M. Whitney, L.U. 925. *Second row:* Margaret Somsen, secretary to Vice President Wright; Camile Moyle, L.U. 354; William W. Robbins, Research Director; Charles J. Foehn, Executive Council Member; Wallis C. Wright, International Vice President; Frank Graham, International Representative; Virginia Scott, L.U. 57; Eva H. Evans, L.U. 449; Mrs. Lloyd E. Chapman, L.U. 860; F. J. Belisle, International Representative. *Third row:* E. P. Cleveland, L.U. 57; George Dengel, International Representative; John F. Redman, L.U. 65; Joe Thompson, L.U. 65; Voyde D. Oldson, L.U. 1759; Ed Hanke, L.U. 449; L. C. Jenkins, L.U. 449; F. H. Spicer, L.U. 891; David R. Tinling, L.U. 113; W. L. Halpine, L.U. 185. *Fourth row:* Taylor Helms, L.U. 667; Stanley E. Thompson, International Representative; David Knoyle, L.U. 408; Anthon Perry, L.U. 1762; Dennis L. Thuis, L.U. 1823; J. Clyde Williams, L.U. 68; Robert M. Sackett, Jr., L.U. 322; Marshall D. Sherman, L.U. 1759; John V. Allen, L.U. 1810; Vaughn A. Rosqvist, International Representative. *Fifth row:* Wendell P. Slack, L.U. 1762; Carl T. Tobiasen, L.U. 111; G. R. Allenbach, L.U. 12; Wilbur M. Raney, L.U. 341; C. E. Kepler, L.U. 341; Fred Whiteside, L.U. 291; Earl L. Parkin, L.U. 354; Veral Mott, L.U. 354; Eldon G. Cole, L.U. 113; M. B. Keeton, International Representative. *Sixth row:* Arthur F. Schroeder, L.U. 122; Lewis L. Hankins, L.U. 1761; Angelo G. Pangos, L.U. 1081; F. S. Strout, L.U. 1200; Charles N. Ball, L.U. 1823; A. L. Hansen, L.U. 408; L. E. Gardner, L.U. 113; William Harrison, L.U. 653.

### Ladies Group

*First row, left to right:* Dixie Spicer, L.U. 891; Virginia Scott, L.U. 57; Mrs. W. C. Wright; Vice President W. C. Wright; Eula M. Anderson, L.U. 354; Mrs. Stanley E. Thompson, L.U. 532. *Second row:* Camille Moyle, L.U. 354; Marguerite F. Keeton; Mrs. Vaughn A. Rosqvist; Mrs. Lloyd E. Chapman; Mrs. Leona L. Dengel, L.U. 552; Eva H. Evans, L.U. 449. *Third row:* Margaret Somsen, secretary to Vice President

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### Eighth District Staff

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### STATE GROUPS

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# Give Gladly





## Story of Honored Motor Repair Shop

L. U. 1, ST. LOUIS, MO.—The story of the Briner Electrical Company is woven around Charles J. Briner and Fred E. Briner, two pioneers of the electrical industry in St. Louis. Although they started with individual ventures, they merged their talents to become one of the leading motor repair shops in the United States, servicing large and complicated motors and other electrical equipment.

C. J. Briner—or Charlie as he is affectionately called—came to St. Louis from Highland, Illinois in 1882. He started work in a machine shop at the age of 15. A year later, he worked for the Electric Bell, Gas Lighting and Telephone shop. Then, in 1888, Charlie Briner struck out for himself, building motors in a shop of his own. About 1891, he worked as electrical superintendent of the Guernsey-Sudder Electric Light Company, travelling throughout the country installing generating units. C. J. also was instrumental in developing the formula for the calculation of copper wire sizes.

In 1895, C. J. again entered the electrical business for himself in the electrical construction field, and he recalls installing the first a.c. machine in the west. He also specialized in the installation of street railway generating systems.

Fred E. Briner, seven years younger than his brother, came to St. Louis in 1889, and a year later was associated with Alex Meston. This association was later to lead to the present-day Emerson Electric Company, one of the largest manufacturers of electrical motors.

# Local Lines

## NEWS FROM THE LOCALS

F. E. later served as superintendent of the Emerson Company and is credited with patents for the single-bearing motor which is used today on all Emerson fan motors. F. E. also is the inventor of induction motors used by Emerson Electric.

In 1897, C. J. and F. E. consolidated to form Briner Electric Company, specializing in motor repairs. Old catalogues still in their files show that the company was a distributor for many makes of motors and street railway equipment and installations were a large source of business.

The company received a big portion of the work for the World's Fair in 1902 and 1903. It was during these years that Ed Mueller started to work for the firm as a wagon boy. Mueller is still with the company, as a vice-president and superintendent.

In 1906, Briner Electric developed and manufactured electric fuses. This company later developed into the Buss Fuse Company.

These are only highlights in the story of Briner Electric Company, an outstanding electrical company in the jurisdiction of Local No. 1. It has been a union shop throughout its history, having the finest labor relations with Local 1.

Local No. 1 is proud to be a part of the successful Briner Electric Company.

Picture identification: No. 1 Unknown; 2 Ed. Wehking; 3 N. Zimmerman; 4 E. Wehre; 5 Joe O'Hara; 6 Jeff Brown; 7 Fred Moser; 8 E. Smith; 9 E. Klein; 10 Leo (Lou) Heinrich; 11 Ed. Mueller, now vice president and general superintendent of the Briner Electric Co.; 12 Walter Lundt, present executive board member; 13 F. Zurn; 14 John Buschen; 15 Ed. Wirthlin; 16 Wm. O'Connell; 17 Ed Mack; 18 Unknown; 19 J. Miller; 20 Ed. Oeters; 21 Bill Roberts; 22 Bob Frankel; 23 Gus Zimmerman; 24 Al Bussman, now the head of the Buss Fuse Co., one of the largest manufacturers of fuses in the world; 25 Unknown; 26 John Buchser.

FRANK G. KAUFFMAN, P. S.

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## Pays Tribute to Friend and Foe

L. U. 3, NEW YORK, N. Y.—The writer has just finished his vacation and as very little of the vacation time was spent keeping posted on

## Industry Pioneers in St. Louis



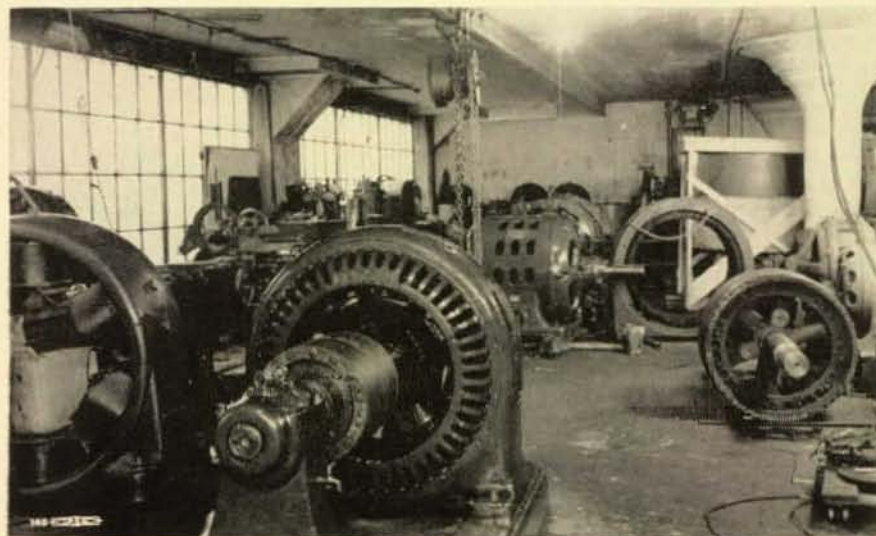
Here are the "big four" of the electrical industry in St. Louis, who can claim over 220 years in the electrical business. Seated at left, is Ed Mueller, superintendent of Briner Electric Co., who started his career with the firm in 1903. Seated at his left is C. J. Briner, who started in the industry in 1883. Standing next are F. E. Briner, who entered the trade around 1889, and John Conrad, the company's general foreman and an employee since 1915. Both Mueller and Conrad served their apprenticeships in the Briner shop. At right are seen several of the Briner Electric Co.'s stock of ancient motors. The one at right is rated at a quarter horse power. At left is Business Representative Herbert Hutchison of Local 1, St. Louis, Mo., and with him is Edward Mueller, company vice president and superintendent.



## Yesterday and Today at Briners



This is a picture of the Briner Electric Co. back in 1910 when it was located near the St. Louis river water front where most of the manufacturing plants of the day were situated. Many of the men pictured here are still actively engaged in the electrical industry. Old-timers, see how many of these men you can identify and then refer to the local's letter for their names.



A view of the large motor repair department of the Briner shop in Local 1's jurisdiction, showing some of the various types of equipment sent in for repair from all parts of the middle west.

news of the day it will be somewhat difficult to get out the usual type of letter.

Since our last letter two prominent men have died. One a good friend of labor, the other the principal sponsor of the law that all union men feel was written with the deliberate purpose of hamstringing organized labor. Senator Robert A. Taft was the first to go and no matter how we might disagree with him politically we must admire the courageous way in which he faced the death which was such a short time away. We would rather have had him live to see the errors of the Taft-Hartley Law amended or better

yet to see it repealed in its entirety.

Former Secretary of Labor Maurice Tobin was also endowed with courage which was shown when he gave up the practical certainty of again being Governor of Massachusetts to become Secretary of Labor. The tribute to Maurice Tobin on the editorial page of the August issue of our ELECTRICAL WORKERS' JOURNAL says all that we might say in eulogy and says it better.

For many years it has been the object of both our principal political parties, when in power, to expand Civil Service for government employees to the end that by providing job security has a better class of worker,

interested in making a career of Government business, would be attracted to the jobs. The new Administration is changing all this, or at least all that it dares, by eliminating thousands of Civil Service jobs. There are two main reasons for this, they say. One is economy and the other is to replace "policy making" Democrats with Republicans. Prominent among the "policy making" executives to be replaced by a Republican, by General Motors Wilson our present Secretary of Defense, was his chauffeur. How silly can they get?

Last year, this time, The republicans were promising us all sorts of "goodies" not the least of which was tax reduction. If we remember correctly the then candidate, Eisenhower, mentioned the sum of 40 billion dollars as his target. Of course that would not all be done in the first year but great economies would be made so that we would get a reduction in our income tax and, to tempt big business, the excess profits tax would be permitted to expire on its official termination date. They knew that would not be possible but because Eisenhower said it would be done people believed him. Representative Reed of New York, a Republican member of the President's party battled long and hard to at least keep the promise to do away with the Excess Profits Tax but was finally beaten down because the Republicans knew that the money from that tax was absolutely necessary to keep the Government functioning.

Now we have the National As-

## Proud Pensioner



Brother Chauncey R. Dana, a pension member of Local 6, San Francisco, Calif., poses proudly with his 50-year membership scroll which he received in May of this year. Brother Dana went into the electrical contracting business in 1921 and continued until his retirement, since which he had resided in San Luis Obispo, Calif.



## Enjoy Local 7, Springfield, Outing



The Mayor of Springfield, Mass., himself a member of Local 7, enjoyed with these International guests and local officers and members the local's recent clambake and outing. From left are: International Vice President John Regan; William Luzarder, recipient of a 50-year membership pin; International Representative Walter Kenefick; Steve Kiley; Mayor Brunton; President Arthur M. Illig of Local 7; Business Agent Bill Wylie. Seated: International Executive Board Member Charles Caffrey.

sociation of Manufacturers proposing to do away with the excise (nuisance) taxes and substitute instead a tax applied "at the source." This means the manufacturer pays the tax and adds it on the cost to the distributor who in turn figures his percentage of profit on the cost plus tax. Then it goes to the retailer, (we will be lucky if there are only two steps) who will figure his profit the same way. The tax will become another concealed tax and

we will be paying more than ever.

It is not too soon to begin to look forward to the Congressional elections in 1954. Check on the background of the men put at the head of the various Government bureaus by the Republicans to learn whose interests they are protecting. Let's face it. To shirk your civic duty is sin in any religion. We must be honest with ourselves and with others. May God bless us all.

FREDERICK V. EICH, P. S.

### Honor 50-Year Local 1 Member



At a recent ceremony at his home in Carlyle, Ill., Brother William Keller received his 50-year pin and scroll as a member of Local 1, St. Louis, Mo., from Brother John O'Shea, representing both the local as its president, and the International. Brother Keller's son, Milton, also a Local member, is at left.



International Executive Board Member Charles Caffrey reminisces with Austin Donnellan at Local 7's outing.

### Outing is Success Despite Showers

L. U. 7, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—In spite of the heavy showers in the early part of the afternoon, the Annual Local No. 7 clambake and outing was held Sunday, August 9th, and was a great success. The only thing that had to be called off was the softball game, and everything else went off as planned by the committee, composed of "Bernie" Popp, "Irv" Weiner, "Fran" Haley, and headed by Business Manager "Bill" Wylie.

Among the guests were: John Regan of Boston, International Vice-President; William Steinmiller, International Representative; Frank Devine, business manager from Hartford, Connecticut; John Londergan, business manager from Northampton, Massachusetts; President Malo from Northampton, Massachusetts; Mayor Daniel Brunton of Springfield, Massachusetts, member of Local No. 7; Walter Kenefick, International Representative; Charles Caffrey, member of the International Executive Council.



## Presentation at Local 7 Picnic



Officers and old-timers of Local 7 witness the presentation of a 50-year pin to Brother "Bill" Luzarder at the recent Springfield, Mass., picnic. From left: Retired Members Edward McCarthy and Adalard Arsenault; International Representative Walter Kenefick; International Vice President John Regan; Brother Luzarder; Local Business Agent William Wylie; Retired Members W. Kavanaugh and Woodrow Wilson, and Local President Arthur Illig.

About 135 people sat down to a dinner of clams, lobsters, salad, roast chicken, corn on the cob, watermelon and cold drinks.

The highlight of the day was the presentation of a 50-year pin and honor certificate to Mr. William Luzarder by Mr. John Regan.

It was very gratifying to see the friendly groups of Local No. 7 men

discussing the past, present and future over their glasses of beer, but most of all, we all enjoyed listening to the old timers living over their experiences of the days gone by.

Last year, the showing of movies taken at the clambake made such a hit, that the committee decided to take movies again this year. These will be shown at one of our regular

meetings. Be sure to watch for the date.

IRVING WEINER, P. S.

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## Twin Grinding Lines Nearing Completion

L. U. 8, TOLEDO, OHIO—The twin grinding lines at the Libbey-Owens-

## Members of California Local 11



These men are the larger part of the electrical crew who do all of the maintenance and most of the construction at the Union Oil Refinery in Wilmington, California. Newberry Electric has the contract with the company and is now nearing its fifth year. First row, left to right: W. E. Randle, general foreman; R. E. Clauser, union oil engineer; L. Ledbetter; A. M. Palmer, union oil foreman—both have cards in Local 11. Second row: R. Obole, J. Thomson, C. Vories, A. Hartley, M. Tingley, H. McCann, P. Walsberg. Third row: R. Mayfield, shop steward, E. Tinch, G. Redman, C. Morrell, K. Carmichael, W. Wright, E. Hall, J. Kirk. Fourth row: H. Dodson, G. Boullie, C. Hankins. Picture was taken by W. Abel, foreman. All of the 23 men are from L.U. 11, Division 2, and a good part of them have been there three to five years. The craft maintains three shifts of work, seven days a week. The largest part of the work is done during the day shift.



## *Fine Turnout for Local's Installation*



Despite oppressively hot weather, this fine group turned out for the installation of officers for the Los Angeles L. U. 11.



Here are the new officers of Local 11 and the guests from neighboring locals who gathered to honor them. From left, front row: Fred Hurley, Executive Board; R. J. "Midge" McKenna, Executive Board; Howard Reed, in-coming Business Manager, L. U. 440, Riverside; Bob Willsey, out-going Business Manager, L. U. 440, Riverside; Roy Hurst, Business Manager, L. U. 952, Ventura; W. A. Ferguson, Business Manager, L. U. 441, Santa Ana; Harry Fesperman, Business Manager, L. U. 1710, Los Angeles; and Joe Gatch, Secretary, Executive Board. Second row: C. Burkhard, Examining Board; Al Burgard, Chairman, Executive Board; Bobby Horn, Examining Board; Al Dawson, Executive Board; James Lance, Recording Secretary; George E. O'Brien, Business Manager-Financial Secretary; Jack Carney, Business Manager, L. U. 477, San Bernardino; Larry Drew, International Representative; and George "Jiggs" Lyons, Vice-President. Third row: Ralph Curtis, Executive Board; L. E. Ramsey, Examining Board; D. C. White, Examining Board; Les Rhines, Examining Board; Lew Worley, Executive Board; Webb Green, President; J. Gromme, past President; Wally Barrett, International Representative; and F. V. Frey, Treasurer.

Ford plant at nearby Rossford are being rushed to completion with the hope that the number two line will be in operation sometime in September. The electrical work is being in-

stalled by the Ohio Pipe Trades Service Company. Mr. George Telez is the supervising electrical engineer for that firm. Brother Jack Ulery is job superintendent. The foremen who

are ably taking care of getting things done are Brothers Lysle Washburn, Old Bill Murphy, to distinguish him from his son, Delbert Husted, Dave Neeley, who has been there off and



on, Steve Balazs, Don DeBolt and Johnnie Holden. The steward on the job is Whitie Peterson. The various gangs on the job have been doing a swell job looking at it from both a quality and quantity standpoint.

This job has been exceptionally fortunate in that to date no one has been hurt, in the electrical end of it. The mechanics from out of town who are helping us out, we are pleased to state, are the kind that any local would welcome in their territory.

This new twin-grinding line makes up the most important and extensive improvement in plate glass manufacture in America in many years. Work has been going forward on this job since October 1951. The massive equipment will grind at the same time, both sides of a continuously moving plate glass blank, 100 inches wide and about a sixth of a mile long as it comes from the furnace. Polishing will be done on the lines in an adjoining building. This development was undertaken primarily because of the demand for military glass of exceptional precision and quality.

Each of the grinding heads weighs 11 tons and therefore exceptionally heavy foundations are required to support them. Foundations are on large caissons sunk 80 and 90 feet to bed rock and filled with reinforced concrete.

When the Scholz Construction Company decided to build the Lincolnshire Development Homes in Toledo, they presented to the electrical contractors a problem which had them digging into their gray matter for a solution. These homes which have been widely praised in the home and building magazines are in the 13 to 19 thousand dollar class and have no basements or ceilings. Mr. Scholz in-

sisted on an adequate wiring job, that would meet all code requirements and assist in selling the homes to the public. Mr. Rogers of the Rogers Electrical firm assisted by Mr. Robert Colgan, both members of the Toledo chapter N.E.C.A., and Mr. Charles Wirtz of the Wiremold Company developed a system using "Plugmold 2000" that would give them a more efficient and flexible wiring system than the conventional installation through partitions. In "Plugmold" they found that they had the choice of three systems. The N.E.M.A. grounded receptacle used in kitchens and utility rooms, a two-wire duplex receptacle in recreation rooms and a three-wire duplex receptacle one side hot and the other switch controlled for the living room. Buying material for the 368 homes kept the cost within the usual allowance for the wiring in a standard home. It was also necessary that the general looks of the house would not be spoiled so a method of routing the baseboard was devised so that the Plugmold would be recessed about half the depth of the baseboard. Mr. Rogers stated that the installation came within the regular allowance for electrical installations in similar homes and provided three times as many outlets, heavier service and more circuiting at no additional cost with less time for installation than regular wiring methods.

BILL CONWAY, R. S.

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## Local 11 Maintains 'Good Neighbor' Policy

L. U. 11, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Following our bi-annual election on June 20, 1953 arrangements were

made to have our local union officers for the ensuing two years installed at a specially-called meeting on July 1. Local 11 has faithfully adhered to a policy of good relations with all sister locals of the IBEW in Southern California, and the officers and business managers of all locals in the area were invited to attend our installation ceremonies. We, in return, promised attendance at their installation meetings. As a result of our "good neighbor" policy most of the business managers of our neighboring locals accepted our invitation—and in spite of some truly "unusual" weather—temperatures in the high nineties—our members turned out in good shape.

Perhaps this can be explained by the fact that the officers of our local union for the past two years have done everything possible for our people—and have even accomplished some things labeled "impossible" for years. That members appreciate good and faithful service was demonstrated on election day, when practically all of the officers who have served the local for the past two years were either elected unanimously, or by substantial margins.

International Vice President Harbak assigned Representatives Les Morrell, Larry Drew and Wally Barrett to the meeting, when he found it impossible to be present himself. Each of the business managers of the sister locals present had kind words to say for Business Manager O'Brien and his staff, stressed the fact that Local 11 had assisted them whenever called upon, and professed themselves confident that excellent relations would continue in the future.

Past President Jay Gromme administered the obligation to the officers, and after the ceremonies were over, the gang adjourned to the kitchen, where the Ladies Auxiliary had prepared enough food to feed an army. The cake, coffee and sandwiches disappeared as though by magic in tribute to the culinary abilities of the ladies. Everyone had a good time, and on every hand were heard comments of appreciation for the good job done by the administration. If trying will assure a continuation of this good work, our people know that two years from now further progress and greater gains toward a good life for Electrical Workers can be reported then.

WEBB GREEN, President

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## Brother Earl Martin Feted by Local 17

L. U. 17, DETROIT, MICH.—On July 9, the Public Lighting Commission Club House was the setting for another delightful retirement party. Brother Earl M. Martin was the

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honored guest. He was born in Fort Madison, Iowa on June 26, 1892. He worked for the Mississippi Power and Light Company, and it was there that he served his apprenticeship and became a journeyman. In 1919 Earl migrated to Detroit and became an employe of the Detroit Edison Company and at the same time became a member of the I.B.E.W. when he joined Local 17. In 1923 he took a civil service examination for the P.L.C. which he readily passed and became an employe of this organization. He was employed in the following capacities: lineman, trouble shooter and line foreman. He was a line foreman at retirement.

Earl is held in high regard by his Brother co-workers and supervisors. He is an advocate and follower of the "Golden Rule." Many stories have been told me of Earl's practical applications of his philosophy of life. One of which is as follows:

In 1932 the City of Detroit was in dire financial difficulties. The line crew, of which Earl was foreman, had received their pay checks. They went to the nearest bank to cash same and on their arrival they were informed that a letter had been received stating that the City of Detroit was without funds. City pay checks could not be honored. These facts were related to the crew upon arrival at other banks. Earl knew that his crew needed money so he pledged his personal savings fund at his bank for the cashing of his crew's pay checks. This money had to last the crew for three months as the City of Detroit was bankrupt. At the end of the three-month period, script was issued which was very difficult to use as a medium of exchange as many of our older Brothers can recall.

Earl is troubled with an asthmatic bronchial condition and his wife with arthritis. The severity of our Michigan winters have been very painful to Earl and his wife. He took a sick leave in January, 1952, and they left for Tucson, Arizona and stayed there until April, 1952. The change of climate worked wonders for them and gave them a new lease on life. Earl took another sick leave in December, 1952 and stayed in Tucson through April, 1953. He returned to Detroit much improved in health and his wife in love with Arizona. Earl is taking an early retirement having completed 30 years of service with the P.L.C. which entitles him to half pay and plans to spend the balance of his life in Arizona, the land of perpetual sunshine. His co-workers presented him with a cash gift of \$100.

Earl's marriage has been blessed with two sons and one daughter. His older son, Lyle, and his son-in-law are journeymen linemen, and strong advocates of the trade. The younger son, Bob, has a semester of high school to complete after which he

## Baltimore 50-Year Members



Two members of Local 28, Baltimore, Md., were recently presented with pins and scrolls commemorating their 50 years of membership in the local. From left are: Brother Ed Bieretz, who made the presentations; Brothers James Everett and Joseph Coffay, the honorees, and Brother Carl Scholtz, who delivered a congratulatory speech.

plans to become a lineman. May these men also be influenced by Earl's philosophy.

Earl's hobbies are fishing and hunting. His fishing will be eliminated in Arizona, but he plans on taking an occasional trip to the Gulf to keep in practice. Earl states that the hunting is good and the following game is abundant: bear, mountain lion, quail and rabbits. We wish him many happy years of retirement. Earl extends a hearty welcome to all his friends to stop and visit him when they are in or near Tucson.

JULIUS OTTEN, P. S.

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## Plentiful Fare at Local's Barbecue

L. U. 28, BALTIMORE, MD.—Greetings Brothers! Another page of the calendar has been torn off and it is again time to write a little note that I hope will be published in the WORKER so that we in Local 28 can let you know we are still alive and kicking.

The one thing that makes this individual particularly happy is that my broken foot has practically healed and I have returned to work. I take this opportunity to thank the Brothers of Local 28 for their sympathetic and helpful benefits . . . they were quite helpful while I was laid up.

During the month of August, Brother Carl Scholtz was host to the entire local and many visitors at the annual summer picnic at Conrads'

Ruths Villa. As usual the menu was prepared under the supervision of Brother Scholtz and the entire Executive Board. The food was plentiful and immensely tasteful—especially the barbecue beef—I believe I ate four sandwiches of that. The corn on the cob was really fresh and tender with plenty of butter to go with it. Beverages to suit anyone's taste were also plentiful. Crab soup was served from huge steaming kettles by some charming young ladies. The main dish served cafeteria style in the pavilion by some more beautiful young ladies was extremely palatable—consisting of two delicious crab cakes—potato salad, German style that was out of this world—sliced tomatoes, potato chips and pickles—a platter fit for any culinary expert to try.

Brother Ed Bieretz, who as you know has just recently been pensioned, was presented a watch by Local 28 for his unfailing assistance to this local — perhaps the photograph can show you his appreciation more than writing could convey. Brother Harry Van Arsdale, Jr. made a wonderful presentation speech crediting Brother Bieretz with years of success with the International. Brother Liggett also congratulated Brother Bieretz. Brothers James A. Everett of 4604 White Avenue and Joseph Coffay of 5909 Falls Road both of whom are pensioned, received their 50-year pins at our local union meeting of May 1, 1953. Both of these Brothers were



electricians when the going was tough and it is through men like these that the conditions today are so much improved for the young men.

So as the sands of time sink through the hour glass, the ink is sinking through my pen and it is coming near the end—so we will close for this month with what we think is a fact as quoted by James Stephons "Women are wiser than men, because they know less and understand more."

A. S. ANDERSON, P. S.

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## Motion Picture Local Marks 30th Birthday

L. U. 40, HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.—Local Forty recently celebrated its Thirtieth Anniversary by calling to-

gether all of the living charter members, and our first president, Al Boeckmann of Universal Studios, was there to head the group. Among the old timers present at roll call were Brothers Charles R. Beauver, Norman W. Gould, Wilbur K. Snyder, and Jesse C. Haynes. Seats of honor in the front of our new meeting hall were also provided for our members on pension including Milt Gardner, John F. Gutekunst, George White, Tod Lockyard, William Fuller, Walter Kenney, Sr., W. F. Howard, Leroy F. Wertenbaker, A. O. Peterson, T. R. Lundy, and J. L. Cuppett.

Brother Al Boeckmann gave an inspiring talk to urge the younger members to work as hard to carve out their own future as this group of pioneers did to organize the motion

picture industry in the years gone by. Opportunities today exceed the greatest expectations of our visionaries of 1923 when talking pictures were not yet even hoped for. Almost every advance in efficiency has brought some new electrical device and with it happiness to our members in newly created job opportunities. The future must be limitless for an industry where so much wind can be stored on a small reel of magnetic film. But these early day members now left their memories and gave attention to Brother Dave "Apple Pie" Barnett who acted as master of ceremonies as chairman of the Entertainment Committee. Music and song were provided to accompany a delicious ham and bean supper concocted by Brother Barnett. Thus the thirtieth year of Local Forty passed.

TED KIRKWOOD, P. S.

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## Local 28 Stages Barbecue



Feast your eyes on this, Brothers. Barbecue is being prepared for the members and guests of Local 28, Baltimore, Md., at their recent outing. Below are a group of the guests, from left: Vice President Liggett; Ed Bieretz; Carl Scholtz, business agent; Harry Van Arsdale, Jr., of Local 3, and Clem Preller of Local 26.



## Power Expansion is Installed in Buffalo

L. U. 41, BUFFALO, N. Y.—To start things rolling again, about past and present construction jobs, I would like to report on our expansion of the steam generating plant, known as the Huntley Station. It seems ironic that our being so close to Niagara Falls does not influence water driven turbines to supply all our needs in electrical power, but it seems to be more economical to use steam. This station is one of the largest steam generating plants in the country, supplying a large area of Western New York.

We go back to the late thirties and early forties when the need for power was great. An addition of two 80,000 KW generators was needed to offset the drain on their facilities. Then when more and more plants were expanding or being built, the call for power was out and the Huntley Station added two more units. Plans are always ready and provisions made for additional units of which two are under way now. This addition started about a year ago and is well under way at present. Some of our out-of-town Brothers are working there now and many more remember the past years when they worked on other additions. To the greater number who did not work on this I will try to enlighten them on the wheres and whats, (please correct any errors).

At this station electricity is generated at 13.5 KV. From there it is stepped up 10 times and sent out over miles of transmission lines to distribution points where it is stepped down again to the more safe workable voltages. Both 60 and 25 cycles are generated at this plant, for many of our industries still incorporate 25 cycles.

With industry ever increasing it should not be too long after the com-



## Hollywood Anniversary Celebration



Members of Local 40, Hollywood, California, recently gathered to commemorate their Thirtieth Anniversary. In the picture at left, the local's veteran members line up before the stage where President Frank Webster and Business Agent Charles Thomas are standing. At right, the members give their attention to Brother Thomas, right with back to camera, as he lauds the veterans.



pletion date of the present addition that another two units will be needed.

RICHARD G. HOPPEL, P. S.

### Courses Offered by Evening School

L. U. 46, SEATTLE, WASH.—As fall sets in the important news to our members who don't already know, is that evening school subjects will be available for most everyone who wants to improve himself. Classes at Edison will be getting started about the time you read this and will be conducted by practical men who know our trade rather than emphasizing theory and bookwork.

According to Dave Davis, our apprentice coordinator, the classes for apprentices will be under way in September and attendance is compulsory for members in the five units of the local, namely wiremen, oil burnermen, shopmen, radio and T. V. servicemen and neon men.

Apprentices at all levels of progress have to put in a proportionate time at classwork and unexcused absences will have to be made up by adding one extra week each time to their length of time record.

Representative Davis also reports a new monthly job report form on each apprentice which will have to be brought or mailed to the Joint Apprenticeship Committee regularly by the member. It will have to be signed by the employer or his superintendent and provides for a variety of work to be given our new men.

We should not have to tell our beginners the advantage of learning their trade thoroughly but if you can't pass the new journeyman's examination produced by our Examination Committee—look out!

KNUTE MALLETT, P. S.

### Youngsters Thrilled By Local 58 Picnic

L. U. 58, DETROIT, MICH.—Our annual picnic, which was held at

Walled Lake picnic grounds and amusement park on July 19, was a successful venture in spite of the abnormally hot weather. It was a banner day for the youngsters, as the amusement park was turned over to them for the day. The Entertainment Committee added spice to the all-day program by promoting and supervising competitive games and contests for old and young throughout the afternoon. Many pairs of aching feet trudged home at the close of the scheduled afternoon.

Our baseball team has participated in a lot of high class competition this summer, and has done a better than average job of holding up their end. Manager Bob O'Toole has again mustered a crew that measures up favorably to some of the great teams that represented our local in the past years. They have been competing on Sunday morning in the Building Trades Council Baseball League. They have kept sharp by playing in the Class A Recreation League during

the week. This league by reputation is one of the strongest amateur baseball organizations in the State of Michigan.

JOHN MASER, P. S.

### Annual Picnic of Quincy Local 67

L. U. 67, QUINCY, ILL.—By the time this letter reaches the readers, Labor Day will have passed and I do hope that this year will be a nice day, for last year the day started with a storm and it continued to rain all day.

In my last letter I said I would send some pictures taken at our annual picnic. One, as you will note is of the officers for this new term, one of the older members of the local and one is of the contractors who attended the picnic.

I always like to read the WORKER because there are so many interesting articles to read. It seems to me there is something in it for everyone

### Ball Team of Local 58, Detroit



Roster of the 1953 edition of the baseball team from Local 58, Detroit. Top row, left to right, are: Bob McClellan, Bob Delamielleure, Frank Merritt, Bud Stone, Don McCabe, and Louis Blackmore. Seated in front row, left to right: Norbert Habel, Joe Rialo, Vic Baranskas, Bill Archer, Bill Rushford (coach), Bob O'Toole (manager), and Joe Lis. In the foreground are Timmy and Terry O'Toole, bat boys.



## At Annual Quincy Picnic



The oldest members of Local 67, Quincy, Mass., are shown at left at the local's annual picnic. They are: E. A. Evans, F. Ludden, R. H. Lubbering, A. W. Brown, W. H. Lepper, and W. E. Hartzell. Also at the picnic were these area contractors, at right: E. Einhaus, G. Brown, W. H. Lepper, A. W. Brown, F. Morgan, B. Einhaus, and E. Callahan (representing Mr. McKenzie).



The officers of Local 67 pose. Left to right, front row: W. E. Hartzell, treasurer; B. J. Heckel, vice president; R. R. Lepper, Executive Board member; H. Wittland, recording secretary. Back row: M. Hartzell, Executive Board member; C. C. Snyder, business manager and financial secretary; Wm. Lepper, Jr., Examining Board; J. Bocke, Examining Board; C. Williams, president, and R. H. Lubbering, press secretary.

and everyone can learn something from it. The weather in Quincy has been very good for work and I believe there has not been any lay-off from work because of rain. Work is at a good pace and some of the jobs will go quite a way into next year. There are still some school jobs to be figured and also the big depot job to be figured and also the Quincy Memorial Bridge at this time, so according to what I have read in the paper the building boom is still going on.

I understand Local 350 at Hannibal, Missouri celebrated its 50th anniversary as a local union. Local 67 being its neighbor, sends the members congratulations and best wishes.

R. H. LUBBERING, P. S.

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### Television Antenna D. C.'s Highest Peak

L. U. 70, WASHINGTON, D. C.—I

would like to acknowledge the fact that I appreciate the members' comments on the articles I have written for the WORKER. I know then that the work that is put into composing these articles is not in vain. The method of getting information for writing these articles is not always easy. I would appreciate some help from the members as to their suggestions and ideas. I even appreciate criticism, because if it were not for this we could not improve on what we do, or correct the mistakes we make.

This past month I happened to be one of the workers working on the improved Channel 4, Station WNBW Television Station, Washington, D. C. This structure is now the tallest structure from sea level of any other structure in Washington, D. C. It is 739 feet above sea level. Construction of the new antenna and addition of 184 feet of tower height has just been completed. The station with increased height and increased trans-

mitting power will extend coverage by 58% to a land area of 15,800 square miles, and reach as far as Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The structure is actually 540 feet high from the base to top of beacon light. The pictures will show what it looks like along with some of the types of construction on it. The Electric Company of M. B. Foster from Boston, Massachusetts, had the sub contract to do the installation of the antenna and coaxial lines. Those working for this contractor were Riley A. Markowski and Mike Lisenbee from Local 104 and Fred Sheffield, Bob Bibbs, and Hoppy Hertzog from Local 70.

The Line Clearance men of Local 70 have negotiated for a new agreement and have been given a six-cent an hour increase with some improved fringe issues. This negotiation was with the Asplund Tree Expert Company of Jenkin Town, Pennsylvania, which has crews operating throughout Washington, D. C., Maryland, and Virginia.

The Political League of Education has put out a new publication. It is a four-page folder, which is to be mailed "from time to time" and is titled "Political Memo." The purpose of the series of memos will be to analyze the extent to which the Republican Administration carries out its program.

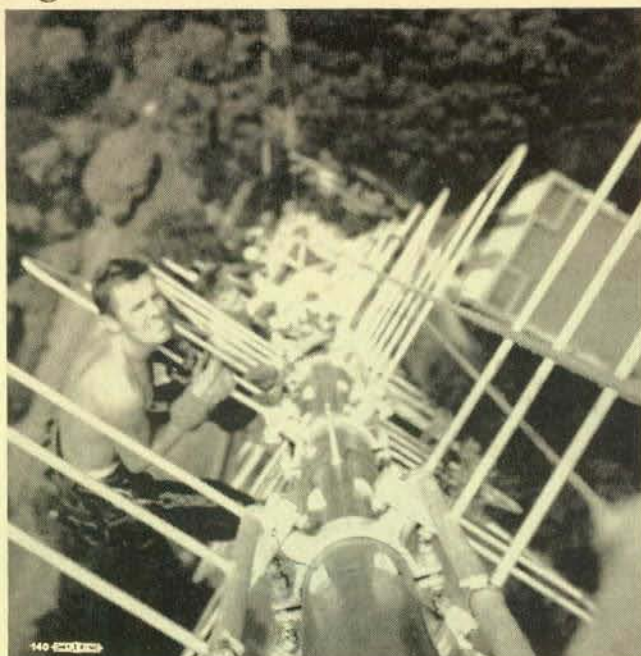
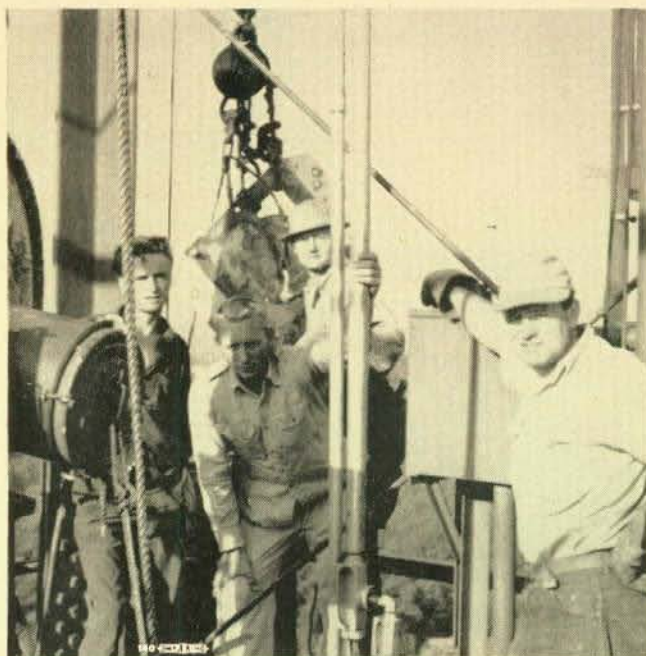
The news letter, now being distributed declares that anti-labor forces have adopted the slogan, "Right-to-Work," and as I stated in previous articles, this slogan is actually trying to destroy collective bargaining by outlawing union security provision in union contracts."

The Virginia "Right-to-Work" law, enacted in 1947, prohibits any agreement requiring a closed or union shop as an illegal combination or conspiracy. Similar laws are on the books of Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, North and South Dakota, Tennessee, and Texas.

Five other states, including Maryland, have laws regulating or restricting union security agreements.



## Install Record-breaking D. C. Antenna



Members of Local 70, Washington, D. C., worked on the installation of the new WNBW television antenna rising 739 feet above sea level in the Nation's Capital. At left is a shot taken from the 210-foot level where the micro-wave equipment is kept for station pick-ups. From left are: Riley Markowski; R. Bibbs; Phil Johnson, and H. Hertzog. Fred Sheffield works on the antenna in the picture at right, taken from the top of the mast.

Union security clauses are the basis of union strength and responsibility, according to the newsletter. The Taft-Hartley Act permits union shops a form of union security, but bans the closed shop.

The Taft-Hartley, adopted in 1947, opened the door for individual states to enact "right-to-work" laws to outlaw all forms of union security if they wanted to.

In closing this little article I would like to express my thoughts on "Tolerance" a little item I happened to read some time in the past. Tolerance is the most lovable quality that any human being can possess. It is the vision that enables one to see things from another's view point. It is the generosity that concedes to others the right to their own opinions and their own peculiarities. It is the bigness that enables us to let people be happy in their own way instead of our way.

H. A. HERTZOG, P. S.

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### Life-Saving Taught By Local 77 Group

L. U. 77, SEATTLE, WASH.—A group of Local Union No. 77 members employed by the Washington Water Power Company of Spokane, Washington, in the Line Division, have organized a special team to demonstrate the value of safety knowledge for saving lives.

The team specializes in pole top resuscitation and the demonstration includes use of a new "hitch" for



A view of the spectacular installation in Washington, D. C.

lowering an injured man to the ground.

Louis Rothrock, line foreman, serves as lecturer during demonstrations, with journeymen linemen Howard Pottrata, Arnold Critchlow, Elwood Amsbury and Arnold Wagner were "victims" and "rescuers."

The special team recently figured out the new hitch which employs a rope tie and the body belt on the idea of the well-known "Bos'n Chair." It gives the rescue crew better control over the injured man and permits faster handling with less chance for additional injury than former methods used.

The team has received high praise from safety officials for their improved method and for their skill and interest in devising the new hitch. The Spokane team has given their demonstration to a group of Mountain States Power Company, REA and Pend Oreille PUD line workers and officials, for Great Northern Railway personnel and plan others including telephone company workers.

The program also includes general safety discussion and the several methods of artificial respiration.

On July 27, 1953 the Washington State Association of Electrical Workers met in Local Union 77's new building at 1718 Melrose Avenue, Seattle 22, Washington. The bi-annual election of officers was held resulting in incumbents W. S. Galant, president, W. C. Browning, vice president, and Lloyd C. Smith, secretary-treasurer, being reelected. Other items of interest discussed were health and welfare plans which are in existence or contemplated in the future.

The Fifth Annual Governors' Safety Conference will be held in Olympia, Washington on November 16th



## Management Life-Saving Course



Local 77 members employed by the Washington Water Power Company of Spokane, Washington, in the Line Division, demonstrate new man lowering hitch. Left to right are: Arnold Wagner; Arnold Critchlow; Elwood Amsbury, and Howard Pottratz.

and 17th, 1953. This conference has proved very helpful to both management and labor and has resulted in a decided drop in fatalities in the utility industry in recent years. The information has proven invaluable in the local's safety program. We look forward to many worthwhile and helpful suggestions as a result of this conference.

The new contract for the PBX operators with the Seattle Hotel Association has been completed with an increase of five cents per hour and numerous improvements in working conditions. This group has the only health and welfare plan under contract with Local Union 77 and is operated in conjunction with the Building Service Employees, Local No. 6.

Contracts with Radio Stations KXRO and KBKW in Aberdeen, Washington have been signed with an increase of 15 cents per hour. Contracts with the Network Stations in Seattle call for four cents per hour increase for engineers and 16½ cents per hour for combination announcer engineers.

A new agreement has been completed with the Office Employees International Union, Local No. 8, which represents the office employees of Local Union No. 77. Main points of agreement were the establishment of a health and welfare plan and an increase in wages of \$2.50 per week.

The joint picnic of Local Unions 77 and 46 was held at Shadow Lake near Seattle on August 16, 1953 with an approximate attendance of 1200 people. Mrs. Janetta Carlson, wife of a member of Local Union 46,

won the door prize, a clothes dryer. Chairman Don Moore reported that picnickers consumed 100 dozen Dixie Cups, 1200 bottles of Pop, 500 boxes of Cracker Jack and gallons and gallons of coffee.

J. M. HAMMOND, P. S.

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## Construction Picture Bright in Norfolk

L. U. 80, NORFOLK, VA.—The Norfolk-Portsmouth section of Tidewater, Virginia has just recovered from the effects of "Barbara," the season's first tropical hurricane to hit this area.

The Brothers extend sympathy and sincere "get well" wishes to Mrs. A. F. Mutter, wife of our popular Brother A. F. Mutter. Best of luck to you both, folks. Happy convalescence. And to Brother George Pampin we extend these same wishes.

## NOTICE

In the August, 1953 issue of the ELECTRICAL WORKERS' JOURNAL the Washington Water Power Company vote was shown as being accepted by a vote of 336 for, 290 against Local 77, Seattle, Wash. Our copy of this news item shows the correct figures to be 336 for, 90 against.

Would you kindly make the necessary correction.

L. C. SMITH, B. M.

Hope you're much better Georgie ol' boy.

To Brother J. C. Russell, former business agent of Local 80, and all other survivors, the local unanimously extends its sympathy and condolence at the death of his mother. Sincere sympathy for you Johnny old pal. Sad news has also reached us of the death of former Brother B. N. Rousch, and to his survivors we also extend our sympathy.

According to a recent publication, construction work valued at \$58,490,037 has been authorized by the Builders and Contractors Exchange of Norfolk, Virginia as contrasted with work costing \$41,470,249 which was cleared through the permit stage in the first seven months of 1952. (However, work here at this time is at a temporary holdup). These increased dollars for future work are indeed glad tidings for the construction industry.

However, one unfulfilled major campaign pledge overshadows it all. Is there cunning afoot? Why this apparent indifference of Congress to amend Taft-Hartley? November is "just around the corner" (memories of Hoover). Why not toss this biased pack containing only labor's inimitable suit into the discards of human relations and deal anew from a deck less easily stacked?

Labor cannot survive with a grasshopper philosophy of life—sing while it's fair—come what may. Why not adopt the perspective of the alert little bee who prepares in advance for rough weather? And too, it would seem rather unnatural to actually lie down and play dead, for a drowning man will even grab for a straw in the water.

When man's progenitor crawled out of the mud (some 300 million years ago as estimated by diffusion and atomic change and which checks with the "record of the rocks") the survival instinct came with him and he was "on his own." And on through eon upon eon and innumerable phases of evolution to Homo Sapiens (true man), who appeared on the horizon some 30,000 years ago, this same indomitable spirit of self preservation or survival of the fittest clung. His actual existence, and naturally ours, depended entirely on his conquering all his potential destroyers, even the huge sabre-toothed tiger and mammoth cave bear with only crude prehistoric weapons fashioned by his own clumsy hands. For he too, was "on his own."

Doesn't it seem quite obvious then, that no designing individual or minority who or whatever it may be, can easily retard the inevitable advance of human progress in defiance of this natural endowment unless the motives be impressed upon a house divided in itself? For in unity there's strength. Whether Taft-Hartley is repealed or favorably amended depends on how



many of labor's friends are in power in both houses of Congress. This can only be assured by voting labor's friends in, in each and every state come November, with a repeat performance every two years. So to all the good Brothers and Sisters of organized labor everywhere it looks like we too, every one of us, are definitely "on our own."

J. V. HOCKMAN, P. S.

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## Near Clear Sweep Of Joplin Officers

L. U. 95, JOPLIN, MO.—At our last regular meeting, I stuck my neck out and asked why there had been nothing sent in to the JOURNAL from Local Union 95 for several months so I was appointed to the job of seeing that something was sent in, so here goes.

We had a complete change of officers at our last election with the exception of Brother Ed Carroll, our business manager, elected for his fourth term and Brother Lonnie Kelley, second term and three members of the Executive Board.

Our Negotiating Committee, consisting of Brothers Ralph Hickman, Art Hauser, and Ed Carroll, business manager, did a fine job on our contract this year as they have done in the past. They settled with the Joplin Division of N.E.C.A. for an additional 10 cents bringing our scale to \$2.70 per hour, plus traveling expense on all jobs outside the city, and one of the best health and welfare plans available.

The health and welfare plan became effective July 1, 1953 and Brother Gilbert Lark made the first claim for an appendectomy on his daughter and has received a check for \$215.95 from the insurance company.

We regret to report that Brother C. H. Cook, a long time member of Local Union 95, passed away July 9, of a heart attack at Kansas City, Missouri, where he had been working out of Local Union 124 for several years.

It has been very dry here this summer, which is very rare in this beautiful Ozark Mountain Country, but it has not affected the amount of work in our jurisdiction.

At the present time many of our members who have had to journey to other locals are coming back home to help us man the jobs that are now under construction, and several more are expected to arrive soon.

We wish at this time to express our appreciation to the other local unions, especially Local Union No. 124, Kansas City, Missouri, for the work they have given our members for the past few years.

MAX H. HAASE, P. S.

## Golden Jubilee Of Local 96 Man

L. U. 96, WORCESTER, MASS.—I have enclosed a picture, taken at the Memorial Hospital in Worcester, of our presentation of a 50-Year Certificate of continuous standing in Local 96, to Carl A. Carlson (center). Shown, presenting the certificate are from the left: Edward J. Fitzgerald, President; Joseph H. Jasper, Treasurer; Francis X. Moore, International Representative and Samuel J. Donnelly, business manager. Brother Carlson was the first member of our local ever to receive such a certificate.

We had planned a big celebration for Brother Carlson in honor of his 50th anniversary with Local 96, but our plans were interrupted when Carl became a victim of the June 9th tornado which left tremendous disaster in the Worcester area. Brother Carlson lived on the third floor at 20 Fales Street. This house was completely destroyed when the tornado hit and Brother Carlson was helpless as he fell the three stories down to the basement floor, where he was pinned under his refrigerator.

When someone finally got to him, he had to be taken to the hospital in very serious condition. Here he remained for several weeks. But, we are very happy to report that "Thure" as he is known to all of us, is now on the road to recovery.

It would seem that lady luck has been riding side by side with "Thure" because less than 10 years ago he fell forty-eight feet from a staging at the Worcester Tech job and after being laid up two years, he was back to work again. He now is on the pension list with the International,

and we hope he will be able to enjoy good health in the near future and many years to come.

We had several members whose homes and possessions were completely destroyed in the tornado. At the last regular meeting of Local 96, the members voted to donate into a fund for the tornado victims, who lost so much in the disaster. Our members with the aid of other electrical locals are doing everything they can to help our Brothers and Sisters back to normal living. We had 25 members affected by the tornado, many with their homes and possessions completely destroyed.

Work is plentiful in this city with many jobs under construction. There are many homes and factories that must be rebuilt from the tornado.

We wish to make a comment to those interested in public housing. A large project, recently completed, was hit by the tornado. How fortunate we were to have our Business Manager Samuel J. Donnelly, who is also vice-chairman of the Worcester Housing Authority, have the foresightedness to have all the outside wiring in the area underground. Some wished to cut the cost and insisted on having the wiring on ordinary poles but thanks to Brother Donnelly's many arguments, it was placed underground. Just think of how many more lives might have been lost, if those wires had been falling freely after the storm as they were in other sections. There were approximately 5,000 people who would have been endangered by that type of wiring.

After presenting the 50-year certificate and pin to Brother Carlson, Mr. Moore attended the monthly meeting of Local 96 to install the newly elected officers. The following officers

## Honor 50-Year Member



To commemorate his 50-year record of membership in Local 96, Worcester, Mass., this certificate was recently presented to Brother Carl A. Carlson at the local Memorial Hospital. With Brother Carlson, from left, are: President Edward J. Fitzgerald; Treasurer Joseph H. Jasper; International Representative Francis X. Moore, and Business Manager Samuel J. Donnelly.



## Officers, Graduates of Local 106



These newly-elected and installed officers of Local 106, Jamestown, N. Y., are identified in the local's accompanying letter, as are the graduating apprentices and committee members seen below.



were elected and installed: James P. Foudy, president; Joseph Comeau, vice president; Joseph H. Jasper, treasurer; Samuel J. Donnelly, financial secretary and business manager and Dominick Giaquinto, recording secretary.

A presentation of a beautiful Hamilton watch was made by Samuel Donnelly our business manager to our retiring president, Edward J. Fitzgerald.

We might add at this point that Brother Donnelly is entering his 30th year as business manager and financial secretary. He has served his local untiringly, which is proved by his re-election, time after time.

To the younger members who have joined our local union in recent years, you should take a page out of "Thure" Carlson's record. He is the type of member that helped build the foundation of our local and has always set an example of real true unionism.

HAROLD MAGNUSON, P. S.

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### Regular L. U. 106 Meet Installs New Officers

L. U. 106, JAMESTOWN, N. Y.—Our regular meeting was held July 28th with the installation of officers taking place. The picture of the newly-

elected officers shows them as follows. Seated left to right: Al Webeck, re-elected financial secretary; Larry Swartz, president; Paul Carlson, re-elected secretary; Gene Ross, re-elected treasurer. Standing left to right: C. T. (Pappy) Pihl, Executive Board; Bud Boardman, Executive Board; Tex Greer, vice president and Charles Fagerstrom, assistant financial secretary.

With the installation completed, Bill Pihl and his committee served a delicious spread of hot fried fish, fresh clams, baked ham and all the incidentals that go to make a wonderful repast.

Then the diplomas from the International Office were presented to those apprentices who have successfully graduated to journeyman status since the end of World War II. The picture shows them as follows with union officials, left to right: Larry Swartz, president; Evor Brugge, local apprentice chairman; Paul Morse, assistant to Brugge; Lucius Seymour; Bill Pihl; Art Boardman; Charles Fagerstrom; Paul Carlson; Tex Greer; Gene Ross receiving diploma from night school class instructor, Marion Panzarella and Larry Sundquist. Others not present when picture was taken are Marshall Carlson, Joe DiMaio, Robert Marvel, Pete Wilson, Art Anderson.

The apprentice training program was begun in 1945 and through the effort of Mr. Brugge and his assistants together with the help of John Eischen, Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship Training representative, it has proved to be a sound, successful training program.

Saturday, August 27th, found some members of Local 106 in attendance at Local 41's annual picnic in Buffalo, New York. Larry Swartz, Pappy Pihl, Larry Sundquist and Tex Greer accepted the invitation to attend and made the trip down.

This being vacation time some of the Brothers are pursuing their fishing at several distant points. Brother Pihl (Pappy) has just returned from Michigan; Larry Sundquist was there also. Bill Pihl has returned from Canadian fishing while Paul Morse and Evor Brugge are leaving for there next week. Also going probably the farthest north of any of our local Brothers are Larry Swartz and Dutch Neubauer. Their journey will take them over 900 miles in their search for large lake trout.

Well, here's luck to all you fishermen and keep it honest!

BEN DAWSON, P. S.

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### Colorado Local Wins 20c Wage Increase

L. U. 113, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.—Local No. 113 has again completed negotiating with our contractors. We were able to obtain a 20 cent increase with the proportionate amount for apprentices. It was quite a struggle as they desired to remove some of our best working conditions from the agreement. However we were able to retain everything as it was. There were a few additional things we desired that the Negotiating Committee was unable to put across. Next year we can try again. We are again operating with a pay raise fund, and expect to begin receiving the new scale approximately November 10th.

We would like to report that our L.L.P.E. ticket sales have almost reached the 100 percent mark on the tickets sent to us by the International Office. How are the rest of you locals doing? This is one project we, as laboring people, should put our hearts into if we expect to survive in the years to come.

Work in this area is considerably below par, at present. We are managing to hold our own at present, but Brother D. R. Tinling, business manager says, and I quote "By the first of November work in these parts will be very scarce. At this time there is nothing on the architects' drawing boards."

Van Woensel Electric, of Longmont, Colorado has completed all con-



## Views from New Orleans Local 130



The apprentices who recently graduated in Local 130, New Orleans, La., and members of the apprenticeship training committee are, left to right, front row: A. J. Tauzy, Jr., J. Hennessey, C. H. Halley, Jr., B. R. McGuire, C. C. Melancon, P. J. Fallon, D. Bertucci, Jr., C. A. Webre, C. O. Roux, and H. Hass, III. Back row: F. T. Fenasci, member of the committee; L. T. Garcia, secretary; Vic Welker, president; G. B. Muller, Jr., business manager; E. Larmann, member of the committee representing management; and W. Weisfield, chairman of the committee.



Thirty-five-year certificates and pins were presented recently to these members on the left: J. Bourda, Sr., W. G. Church, F. J. Dalferes, A. F. Fisher, C. R. Carle, A. W. Everett, C. A. Schrieber, E. J. Lincoln, M. C. Becker, and L. Fayard. At the right are 25-year members of Local 130: H. Helburn, C. A. Staunton, C. R. Carle, E. S. Hartley, B. C. Frischert, L. J. Robicheaux, C. H. Halley.



tracts in this jurisdiction. Electric Center Inc. has closed out their wiring department, and is now a retail electrical store only.

We send our regards to all the Brothers out of the jurisdiction—Brothers R. Glase and K. Gripe in Greenland; Brothers H. King and H. Dittes in Anchorage, Alaska; Brothers C. Adams, L. Benard, F. Capps, and V. Kanten who took travelers to Fairbanks, Alaska.



Brother C. R. Carle, International Executive Board member, left, poses with Brother N. L. Padeaux after presenting him with his 40-year scroll.

Brother C. E. Parker — Electrical Inspector in Manitou Springs Colorado has gone home from the hospital and is doing fine. Several of the Brothers' wives have been in the hospital and we wish them a speedy recovery.

This scribe attended the Eighth District Progress meeting in Pocatello, Idaho, and wishes to report it as a very pleasant, informative, and interesting experience. While there I was fortunate enough to meet a very nice lady—the supervisor of our JOURNAL and official photographer.

I wish to let all our friends of the Phoenix, Arizona Local No. 640 know that Jewell (my wife) passed away on July 18th, 1953.

"PETE" COLE, P. S.

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### Honor Member on Golden Jubilee

L. U. 130, NEW ORLEANS, LA.—It



These members of Local 130 received pins and scrolls for 30 years of membership: W. Umbach, P. DeGeorge, C. R. Carle, F. M. LeBlanc, and C. J. Boudreaux.



Brother Haeuser receives a certificate of honor from the Mayor's office from V. Schiro, left, and his 50-year scroll from Brother C. R. Carle, International Executive Council member.



# PRESS SECRETARY *of the Month*



Julius Otten

Our honor press secretary for this month comes from the big automobile capital of the world, Detroit, and his local is No. 17. His name is Julius Otten, a member of our Brotherhood since October 19, 1931. Brother Otten began his apprenticeship on that date and became a journeyman lineman four years later. In addition to acting as press secretary for his local and doing a fine job, Brother Otten has also served on the Negotiations,

Job Evaluation and Entertainment Committees, as job steward, and two terms as treasurer of the local.

In addition to working for his local union, like so many of our Brothers and Sisters, Brother Otten takes an active interest in civic and community affairs. He served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Dearborn Highlands Civic Association and as President of the Dearborn Highlands Garden Club. He is a charter member of the Dearborn Y.M.C.A., and has had the honor of being presented with the 100-membership jeweled pin, for personally bringing 100 young men to membership in the Dearborn Y. (Incidentally Dearborn is a city close to Detroit—has a population of over 100,000 and is known as Henry Ford's home town).

Brother Otten is an active church member and has served his church in many capacities including the office of deacon and secretary of the church council.

In his spare time, though it is hard to see where he gets any, Brother Otten pursues his hobby of gardening.

Brother Julius Otten has been sending in his interesting letters to the JOURNAL for the past three years and we appreciate his fine spirit of interest and cooperation. We salute you Brother Otten and say sincerely, "Thanks, and keep up the good work."

has been quite some time since you have heard from Local 130 so we will attempt to tell you about the celebration we had recently.

On the night of July 17, 1953, the officers and members of Local 130 and their wives took the opportunity to honor one of their pioneers, Brother William H. Haeuser, after 50 years of continuous membership, was presented with a beautiful diamond-studded gold lapel pin, along with certificates from the International Office, and a certificate and key from the mayor's office, making him an honorary citizen of New Orleans. Brother C. R. Carle, member of the International Executive Council from the Sixth District was on hand to make the presentation. Brother Carle mentioned the hardships and sacrifices that Brother Haeuser and his family had to make in his fifty years as a union man; how at times he had to hide his union card and deny that he was a member of the union, so that the rest of us can enjoy the fruits and living conditions that we have today. It may be interesting to know that at the age of 68, Brother Haeuser is still active and working with the tools.

Brother Carle also presented pins and certificates to the following:

N. L. Padeaux, 40 years; M. C. Becker, J. Bourda, Sr., W. G. Church, F. J. Dalferes, A. W. Everett, A. F. Fisher, E. J. Lincoln, L. F. Reehlman, C. A. Schrieber, L. Fayard, W. J. Stowell, Sr., 35 years; F. M. LeBlanc, P. Madson, C. A. Tschirn, P. De George, H. E. Schwartz, W. Umbach, 30 years; L. J. Robicheaux, E. L. Jones, E. S. Hartley, H. Helburn, B. C. Frischertz, 25 years; C. H. Halley, C. A. Staunton, C. J. Boudreaux, 20 years.

After a brief talk on why our apprentices should attend the night school classes to benefit themselves and their families, our Business Manager, George B. Muller, Jr. presented the following apprentices with their certificates of completion.

E. Hamberger, L. R. Hemelt, C. O. Roux, C. A. Webre, L. J. Schulz, A. J. Tauzy, Jr., M. C. Bersuder, H. Haas, III, B. R. McGuire, M. J. Felder, A. Huffman, P. J. Fallon, A. C. Dominique, H. W. Thomas, L. A. Gerstner, W. F. Probst, J. Hennessey, C. H. Halley, Jr., A. Kampen, D. Bertucci, Jr., R. Zimmerman, S. G. Albert, L. Klein, G. Planas, S. Luminais, Jr., F. Kolb, Jr., all journeyman wiremen; Leo LeBlanc, C. C. Melancon, Roy Leonard, shop journeyman.

It was our pleasure to have as dis-

tinguished guests and speakers, Mr. Luther Simmons, Commissioner of Labor for Louisiana, Mr. V. Schiro, Commissioner of Public Buildings and Parks for New Orleans, Brother E. J. Burg, Secretary and Treasurer of State Federation of Labor, Mr. Robert Conran, Director of Apprenticeship Division, Mr. Edward Boettner, State Supervisor for the Bureau of Apprenticeship, Mr. William Weisfeld, Chairman of Apprenticeship Training Committee and Mr. E. Larmann, member of the Apprenticeship Training Committee.

After the presentation, every one enjoyed a wonderful buffet supper consisting of almost anything you can mention to eat, and of course liquids to quench the thirst. I must mention the fact that a lot of us were mighty thirsty. While the refreshments were being served, the chairs were being moved and the hall was being readied for the dancing to a six-piece New Orleans jazz band, and the old and young danced "till wee hours of the morning." I am positive that everyone who attended had a most enjoyable time.

To Brother Lloyd T. Garcia, our financial secretary, for his untiring efforts to make the celebration a success, we say thanks.

In conclusion I would like to say that at one point of the evening our President, Brother Victor Welker, requested that all in attendance bow their heads in silent remembrance of our deceased Brothers.

ANTHONY R. ZEIGLER, P. S.

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## Fourth Annual Picnic Of Pa. Joint Board

JOINT BOARD, LOCALS 132, 140, 142, 144, 147, 148 AND 149, PITTSBURGH, PA.—The members of the Negotiating Committee of the Joint Board have been meeting with the Duquesne Light Company since the first of August. The contract is open for any changes at this time. It is too early to know what will be the results of these negotiations but I hope to be able to make a report in the next issue of the JOURNAL.

The nominations for the officers of the Joint Board were held at the regular meeting in August. Nominated for the office of president of the Board were Martin J. Carney, Local No. 148 and Verner A. Kortz, Local 149. For vice president, John F. Eastly, Local 147 and James C. McTaggart, Local 140, were nominated. Harvey C. Cook, Secretary-Treasurer, was unopposed for that office. Edward A. Joyce, Local 132 and Kenneth J. Raynes, Local 142, are the candidates for Joint Board Representative. The election of these officers will be held on September 14.



On August 22, several thousand members and friends of the Joint Board gathered at Kennywood Park for the Fourth Annual Picnic. From all reports we have received, the picnic was a huge success. The children were given cold drinks, ice cream and Cracker Jacks. Coffee was furnished for the evening meal. Races and events were held in the afternoon. The pictures and names of the winners of these events will appear in the next issue of the JOURNAL. The main event of the afternoon was the tug-of-war. Only two locals had teams on hand for this event. I am sorry to report the success of Local 148 over Local 142 in this event. The members of the winning team were Jim Wintergreen, Red Ford, Harry Geidel, Marty Carney, J. R. Kowistek, Jack McGee, Al Gillius, J. F. Rieland, David Hackman and Phil Winkler. Following the events at the athletic field, the drawing was held for the prizes. Fifty-two prizes were awarded. The winners have been notified and it is our wish that the prizes be picked up as soon as possible.

We were saddened the day of the picnic upon hearing of the death of Daniel Cahill, nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Cahill, Local 140 member, from the results of head injuries suffered in a fall from a tree. To the bereaved parents we offer these words of condolence:

"Why do we mourn departing friends  
Or shake at death's alarms?  
'Tis but the voice that the Almighty sends  
To call them to his arms."

Have you joined Labor's League for Political Education? Do you think it is not necessary for labor to enter politics? Governor Gordon Persons of the State of Alabama, on August 28, 1953, signed into law a bill that makes it unlawful to require an employe to join a labor organization in order to hold his job. It also prohibits the mandatory checkoff of union dues. Thus it would outlaw the union shop, maintenance of membership, or any similar contract provisions which require union membership as a condition of employment. It could happen in your state. Give your dollar, or more, to help Labor to fight those people who would do all they could to destroy all labor organizations. Isn't it worth \$1.00 to fight to maintain the working conditions and wages you receive today? Give to L.L.P.E. Do it today.

HARVEY C. COOK, S. T.

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## Bowling Leagues Open New Season

L. U. 142, PITTSBURGH, PA.—A large number of Local No. 142 mem-

bers and their families attended the Joint Board picnic at Kennywood Park on August 22. Paul Mahotz, son of Paul Mahotz, BI, and Paul Lampo, son of Dominic Lampo, Phillips, were among the winners of races. Jack McCaughan, BI, was the winner in the race for union members. Mrs. Martha Illig, wife of Bill Illig, BI, was the winner in the race for the wives. Mrs. Felix Miller, wife of Felix Miller, BI, was the winner in women's balloon bursting contest.

Among the winners of prizes in the drawing were, A. W. White, Jr. and Charles G. Scott, Phillips Station; Tom Torchia and John P. Cousin, Stanwix Plant; Joseph F. DeSantis, Elrama Station; C. F. Orluske, W. J. Schomburger and Peter Johovic, BI Station and Kenneth Keys and Peter J. Illar, Reed Station.

I have heard a lot of favorable comments on the picnics. Every one who attended tell me what a good time they had. I have a question I would like someone to answer. I saw the pictures in the company magazine of the great number of our people who attended the company picnic. Why do these people not attend their own picnic, the union picnic? Do they think the company is giving them something? They are not, you will pay in one way or another for the affairs the company holds for you. Why do they not support the union and its affairs, which they pay for? Can anyone give me the answer?

Returning to work after sojourns in the hospitals are Pete Jehovic and Mike Dellefemine. Off due to illness or injury are Max Schlott, Red Simcox, Ann Greenwood, Bill Connors, Frank Slogan, Norman Ruff and Paul McGee. We wish these members a speedy recovery.

Why do they call Bill O'Reilly, BI stoker operator, ding dong?

The Ten Pin and Duck Pin leagues start the 1953-54 season on Monday, September 14. There should be some interesting stories from these bowlers.

Congratulations to Nancy Jacobs on the fine job she did in her first article in the company magazine. Keep up the good work, Nancy.

Do you know, YOU are the best safety device? YOU can cause or be the cause of accidents. Be careful.

If you allow your actions to be guided by rumors, you'll be doing things the HERD way.

HARVEY C. COOK, P. S.

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## Contracts Let for Giant Dam Project

L. U. 180, VALLEJO, CALIF.—The big item of news this month is the fact that the contracts have been let for the construction of the big Monticello Dam, some 30 miles north of

Vallejo, and mostly in our jurisdiction. There is an estimated three years work for many of our members and, along with the fairly steady construction program in our nearby government installations, it looks like a well balanced work load for the next couple of years.

It will be several months before work on the new dam will reach the stage where a large number of electricians will be needed, and, right now, it appears as if our own members will be able to man the job. There is no overtime scheduled and living facilities anywhere near the site are very meager. L. U. 340 of Sacramento, California, is scheduled to handle a portion of the work and provide part of the manpower. Therefore, we strongly advise that any member contemplating a job on this project communicate with either L. U. 180 or 340 before taking any action.

Our construction wiremen have had a fairly stable work load now that the other crafts have resolved their contract differences, but our government installations are reducing their personnel and several Brothers have already felt the axe.

The big item of social activity news is, of course, our big annual picnic which will be held August 29th. As last year, it will be held at Lokoya Lodge, a beautiful mountain retreat just north of us, and, as last year, members, wives and guests will be treated to a fried chicken dinner, a buffet supper, drinks, games, swimming and prizes. Entertainment Chairman Kenneth Hahn, and the entire committee have worked long and hard to make this another outstanding affair and there is no doubt they will be successful.

Another news item: Our Negotiating Committee has started initial interviews with our contractors toward effecting a health and welfare plan for our construction wiremen. Three other IBEW locals in our district have successfully negotiated for such a plan, and we are expecting to achieve like results.

This month, also, we celebrate the first anniversary of our little monthly paper, *Hot Sparks*. During the last twelve months our infant paper has grown to a healthy, well-appreciated youngster. Its former stumbling efforts are giving way to more certain actions and its stammering words are becoming more intelligent.

(Editor's Note: *Hot Sparks* is a splendid little paper. The local union and the editor may well feel proud of its success).

D. V. McCARTY, P. S.

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## Felicitate Member On 50th Anniversary

L. U. 187, OSHKOSH, WIS.—We of



## Extend Anniversary Congratulations



Brother Cliff Wetchen offers his warmest good wishes to Brother Roy Evanson, left, who has recently completed 50 years of membership in Local 187, Oshkosh, Wis. Below, a certificate commemorating the happy occasion is presented. Left to right, standing, are: Local President Fielding; Brother Evanson; Brother Wetchen, and Vice President Klauwitter. Seated: Secretary Ed Schroeder and Treasurer O. Christenson.



Local 187 proudly presented a 50-year membership pin to Brother Roy Evanson for his continuous membership in the I.B.E.W. Brother Cliff Wetchen made the presentation after which Brother Wetchen gave a talk on the loyalty of continuous membership in the I.B.E.W. We then heard from Brother Evanson on the rugged years when he became a member at Antigo, Wisconsin. Later he transferred to Local 187 here in Oshkosh in 1911.

Mr. Evanson's health is very good and his spirits are very high. He enjoys every minute of belonging to the I.B.E.W. and now has retired

from actual work. The Brothers of Local 187 congratulated him and wished him well and many years in our presence. A party followed the presentation with fun for all.

EDWARD SCHROEDER, R. S.

## Everyone is Busy In Atlantic City

L. U. 211, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Well here it is the 25th of August and my deadline is almost past, and I am just starting my article. Boy it is sure hot here tonight in my home

town of Pleasantville. Just felt some cold air but don't know where it came from. They say that no news is good news, and as I don't have much to say then this article ought to be very good. I always try to have something in the JOURNAL. So this month I would like to report that everyone is busy here in Atlantic City.

I would like to report at this time that your scribe had a Birthday on the 17th of August and as of now I am 56 years young. Tomorrow the better half and little me have our 28th anniversary coming up. Can you imagine a gal having to put up with a guy like me for that length of time. All I can say is that a wedding ring is like a tourniquet, it stops your circulation. So I guess it was just one of those things, like a vaccination, they either take or they don't take. Ours took.

This August weather makes me believe that most of us live in the Metallic Age—gold in our teeth—silver in our hair—and lead in our pants. We want warm weather when its cold and cold weather when its warm. So for this month this is it. Be safe, work safe, and I will see you next month.

BART "CURLEY" MAISCH, P. S.

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## Ohio Member Ends 50 Years of Service

L. U. 212, CINCINNATI, OHIO—On Monday, August 3, Local Union 212 held a special meeting in honor of Brother George Schwoepe, Sr. On this date, Brother Schwoepe celebrated 50 years of service in the ranks of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 212. We were especially pleased to have our International Vice President and personal friend, Brother Gordon Freeman present to officiate in the ceremony. The magnificent manner in which Brother Freeman conducted the presentation to Brother Schwoepe of the 50-year scroll, signed by our International President Dan W. Tracy, along with a 50-year pin, which Brother Schwoepe vows he will never fail to display, brought a thunder of applause from the members present, that lasted for several minutes.

Our business manager, Brother Harry Williams deeply regretted being unable to attend this occasion, due to his presence being demanded at a conference in San Diego, California, vital to all of us in the I.B.E.W. Although absent, Brother Williams previously presented a certificate from Local Union 212, with a personal tribute to Brother Schwoepe. This certificate, Brother Schwoepe advises me, he values very highly. This is the first time in the history of Local 212, that we have been able



to boast of a 50-year member serving us as an officer of our organization. Brother Schweppe is at present, a member of our Executive Board, and is doing a grand job.

The acceptance speech delivered by Brother Schweppe, following the presentations, was one that will be long remembered. Those of us who were close enough to see the tears in the eyes of Brother Schweppe as he was giving his address of appreciation along with his words of advice to the younger members of Local Union 212, were left with a feeling of confidence in the future of our organization. The ovation given Brother Schweppe at the conclusion of his speech came from the bottom of the hearts of every one of us.

All of the members of Local Union 212, wish Brother Schweppe, good luck, good health and success in all of his future endeavors, and a long and continued service in the interests of his local union.

HOWARD E. STAPLETON, P. S.

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## Officers Installed In Chicago Ceremony

L. U. 214, CHICAGO, ILL.—At our meeting on July 24, Brother William Larson, Sr. installed the incoming officers of Local 214.

At this installation, International Representative A. M. Corraza was present and spoke on "Conditions of Railroads Throughout the Country."

We were sorry that Brother Wright, who is now making his home in St. Petersburg, Florida, was unable to attend. We would like to have seen retired Brother Helander attend this meeting also, but he was unable to make it. The boys in Local 214 will miss Michael Boyle who has now retired. Everyone was sorry to hear that International Representative Roy Westguard was sick. Take good care of your health Roy—we all wish you a very speedy recovery.

A. F. DESBIENS, P. S.

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## Charles Fox, New Muskegon Business Agent

L. U. 275, MUSKEGON, MICH.—It has been quite awhile since you heard from Local 275, so here goes:

Our biannual election was held in June with our veteran officer Beany Bonjernoer retaining position as recording secretary. Avery Knowles was returned as treasurer along with Fred Curow for another term as financial secretary.

We have a new business agent, Charles Fox, who was elected to Lloyd Habel's job. Lloyd is now taking a well-deserved rest in sunny California.

## Local Fulfills Hospital Pledge



Elmer McKay, right, Local 305 business manager, presents a check in full payment of the Fort Wayne, Ind., local's pledge to Parkview Memorial Hospital to C. H. Matson, left, chairman of the Parkview building committee, while Harry Hannie, Local 305 president, looks on. Below, the institution as it nears completion.



We had our annual picnic on August 8th, this year at Pioneer Park; sure was glad to see a lot of the Brothers there. Work is good at present with our biggest job at the Hooker Electrochemical Plant, Montague, Michigan. H. K. Ferguson of Cleveland has the general contract with Pat Newman, as Superintendent of Electrical Construction. Jerry Brower, Local 275, is general foreman.

The S. D. Warren Company has purchased the Central Paper Company of Muskegon, and has plans to spend \$14,000,000 for expansion.

We have a complete new Executive Board who have pledged themselves to progress and the local's welfare.

Jack Hutchinson is getting along well although still unable to work.

Our scale should be \$2.90 per hour plus five cents per hour welfare or insurance fund by August 15, 1953.

JAMES "SNAPPER" DAVIS, P. S.

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## Local Assessment To Aid Hospital

L. U. 305, FORT WAYNE, IND.—On

June 11, 1953 Local 305 filled its pledge to the Parkview Memorial Hospital. Quite some time back our union agreed to lay an assessment upon itself to make possible this fund. We believe that by aiding our community we help further the understanding between the community and labor and indirectly bring more work to our craft. This point is proved by the number of Brothers to whom this job has given employment until its grand opening this November. We of Local 305 congratulate all the Brothers and contractors who have had a part in adding this much needed modern hospital to a greater Fort Wayne.

Work is fair at this time with some Brothers still working out of town. Through the Building Trades Council and by other means we are trying to get back some of the house wiring that has gotten away from us. We have a large housing project going up outside of town and by getting these unfair contractors to come around, the work situation will be relieved to some extent. How about as a slogan: "Anything they can do (meaning unfair contractors) we can



do better." It seems they made a song out of these words but we of organized labor have proved this time and again—not as a song but in accomplished work and cheaper costs.

One of those time-savers caused a bad accident to Brother Oliver (Red) Burd. The Brother was using a gun to shoot into some soft steel, and the pin ricocheted out and wounded him in the arm. These guns make work easier and faster but are they worth the arm or life of a Brother?

Some important issues are coming up for your approval or rejection at the next few meetings. Are you going to attend, as their dispatch is your responsibility?

W. L. WASSON, P. S.

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## Introduce New Local 306 Officers

L. U. 306, AKRON, OHIO—As a result of our recent election, we are proud to present the names of our new officers in L. U. 306. Most of these men have long service records with our local, and have the respect and confidence of all of us.

Joe Swigart, who had previously served as vice president, is our new president. He succeeds Leo Kempel, who held that office for eight years. We also have: Al Hartley, vice president; H. Smyers, recording secretary and H. Herhold, treasurer.

Taking over the management of our business affairs from C. W. Murray, is Sam Oaks. Sam has been one of our officers for several years, and has served as assistant business agent. He will also hold the office of financial secretary.

Our Executive Board consists of: Wiley Cockerham, Richard Clark, Robert Russell, Paul Hannig and

Kenneth Sweitzer. On the Examining Board we have: E. Patten, G. McDaniels and T. Hardgrove. Elected to new terms as trustees are: Cornelius Jeffers, one of our oldest members, and Ed Frankenburger.

Our hats are off to these men who contribute the many hours of their time necessary for the success of our organization.

ROBERT M. VOGEL, P. S.

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## Local 308 Reports Full Employment

L. U. 308, ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.  
"The time has come," the Walrus said,

"To talk of many things:  
Of shoes — and ships — and sealing wax—

Of cabbages—and kings . . ."  
My apologies to Lewis Carroll as this is my first attempt at journalism so I might ramble over many thoughts.

We held our elections last month and the elected officers are, Ralph Bean, president, Lee McKinney, vice president, George Andrews, recording secretary, Ernest Golly, financial secretary, John Gabrio, treasurer, "Skipper" Hadley, business manager, Brothers Abbott, Shaw, and Hicks on the Executive Board. Best of luck and wisdom, fellows.

I am enclosing photographs of our apprentice graduation class and also a photograph of President Ralph Bean of Local 308, who is presenting the award to Brother John Allwarden on his perfect attendance and a straight A average in his class work. Congratulations to the class and also Brother Allwarden. Chairman Lee McKinney of the Electrical Appren-

ticeship Committee has done an excellent job and his efforts have been applauded by his local Brothers. We hope that he continues in his success with his handling of the Apprentice Committee. We also wish to thank and commend Brother John Day for his excellent method of teaching our future journeymen. We are mighty proud of our apprentice classes and feel that we have the best in the state of Florida.

Brother "Skipper" Hadley is glad to report that all of the Brothers are working and that the benches at the hall are sprouting sand spurs. Many of the Brothers are working at two Florida Power Corporation projects. Cleveland Electric Company of Jacksonville is installing two new G. E. generators at Oldsmar, and Patterson, Emerson, and Comstock has the contract to install all new switch gear at the Bayboro Plant. All our smaller shops are also busy on small commercial jobs and house wiring. However, things are not so busy that we are calling for men. At present, we are not certain how long our good fortune will last. We are always glad to welcome our Northern Brothers, but we don't want you to rush to the sunny shores of Florida and be disappointed because of the lack of work. I would advise you to write us before you come to Florida.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Local 98 and its fine Brothers for working this reporter and many of Local 308 Brothers in the past.

At the present time the Local Chamber of Commerce is discussing a much needed necessity to our welfare. Brother Hadley has been asked to sit in on these discussions with other business leaders and offer his advice about bringing industry to Pinellas County.

## St. Petersburg Apprentice Graduates



Members of the latest graduating class of Local 308, St. Petersburg, Fla., pose at left. Kneeling, left to right: R. J. Bean, C. L. McKinney, J. H. Day, Joe Kvintus, E. F. Albury, L. L. Howell, E. T. Calkins, and E. L. Knepp. From left, standing, front row: A. T. Criste, K. C. Allwarden, W. G. Doran, W. S. Clark, H. A. Tuerpe, and I. H. Reisen. Standing, back row: J. H. Epright, R. D. Cook, R. E. Trudell, J. L. Tucker, R. E. Schneider, F. L. Amick, J. T. Olson, and J. F. Doran. At right, President R. Bean presents award to outstanding apprentice, John Allwarden.



The Chamber of Commerce in the past always encouraged tourism, but now realizes that this community cannot progress and grow with tourism alone. Unless industry is allowed to grow in our resorts, our potential and future taxpayers, (the young people) are forced to leave the state for means of livelihood, and when the young people leave so does progress and economic stability.

My weary eyes were enlightened with your subject, "Objects of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers." Too many of us do not realize the importance of our union and what it stands for. I believe that it would be a wise move for all of the locals to copy this "Objects of the I. B. E. W." and have it displayed so that all the members will be always reminded of what their union membership means to them and their families.

Brother Hadley underwent an operation last week and at this writing he is at home recuperating. Before his illness he negotiated an agreement with the Burk Electric and Machine Company of Clearwater. We are happy to have the Burk Company in our midst, and we will cooperate with them fully to make their future business most successful.

Doyle Electric Company has moved into their new shop and the local wishes Willie and Jean Doyle, members of Tampa Local 108, plenty of success in their new quarters.

Brother Tommy Reese and Mrs. Reese have returned from California where they visited their son Bob, who is serving aboard a Naval Oil Tender. They had quite a time locating Bob, because it was reported that the ship was docking in Frisco. However, they found out that the docking plans had been changed. The Reeses then had to motor down to San Diego to meet the ship. Bob has made many trips to Korea.

I read a very important and enlightening article on the Civilian Defense preparedness program. I was startled at the immensity of the destruction and panic that will arise from the dropping of an atom bomb or hydrogen bomb. I have noticed in the past the laxity and "let George do it" attitude of our citizens in regards to the seriousness of the preparedness program. As you know war is no longer declared, it happens without warning and we are always ripe for another Pearl Harbor. Pearl Harbor will be a minor calamity in comparison with the next sneak attack, and the loss of life will be counted in astronomical figures. It is not my intention to talk in drastic tones, as I am not known as an alarmist but, "In time of peace prepare for war," is more appropriate today than at any time in our history. All union labor organizations

# THE Music-Makers

We are the music-makers,

And we are the dreamers of dreams,  
Wandering by lone sea-breakers,  
And sitting by desolate streams;  
World-losers and world forsakers,  
On whom the pale moon gleams:  
Yet we are the movers and shakers  
Of the world forever, it seems.

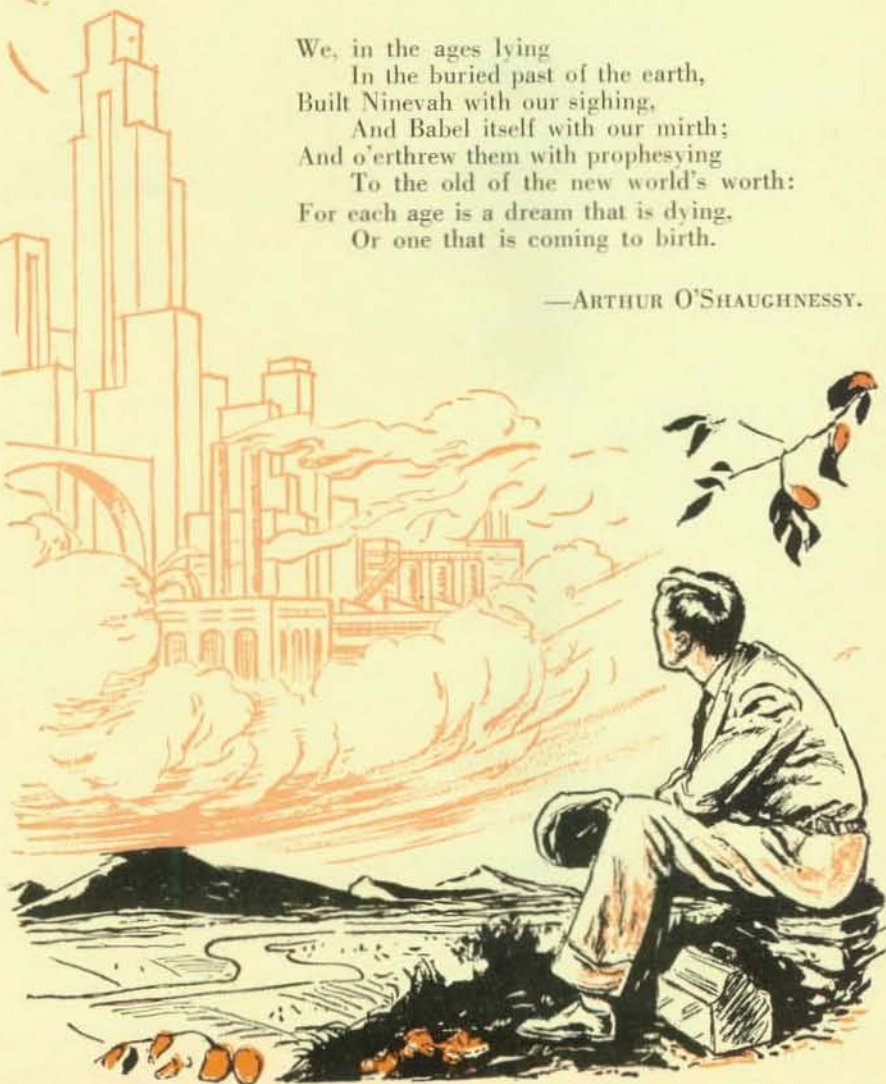
With wonderful deathless ditties

And out of a fabulous story  
We build up the world's great cities,  
We fashion an empire's glory:  
One man with a dream, at pleasure,  
Shall go forth and conquer a crown;  
And three with a new song's measure  
Can trample an empire down.

We, in the ages lying

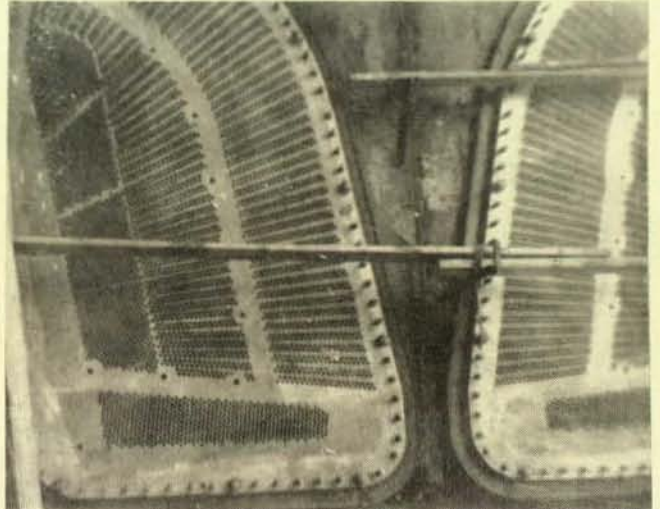
In the buried past of the earth,  
Built Ninevah with our sighing,  
And Babel itself with our mirth;  
And o'erthrew them with prophesying  
To the old of the new world's worth:  
For each age is a dream that is dying,  
Or one that is coming to birth.

—ARTHUR O'SHAUGHNESSY.

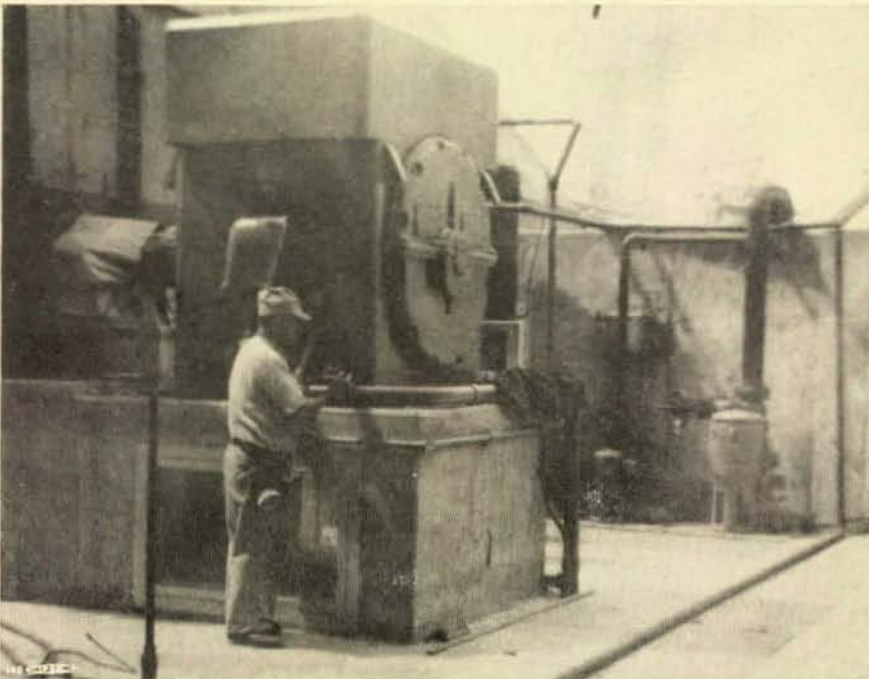




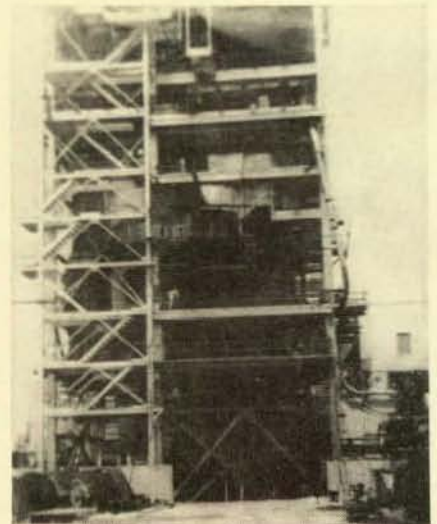
## Scenes at Florida Power Plant



The power plant in the jurisdiction of Local 323, West Palm Beach, Fla., progresses as described in the local's letter. At left, a generator waits to be hoisted atop a pedestal. At right, is a portion of a condenser installed with 1446 separate brass tubes by Local 323 members.



The east induced draft fan is inspected by Brother J. Cawthorne, a 35-year Local 323 member.



The main steam department of the West Palm Beach plant.

of this country should back their Civilian Defense programs. We will not stand by and watch our neighbor's house burn.

BENNETT COREY, P. S.

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### Veterans Pass on Real Union Spirit

L. U. 317, HUNTINGTON, W. VA.—My how time does fly. It seems but yesterday that I sent my last letter to the JOURNAL, but it was really a month ago. When that black streak above your ears turns white and the top of your head begins to resemble

a worn out broom, well you can expect old Father Time to be running instead of walking as in the past. And as the membership of our local keeps growing, you can look out over the attending members in the union hall and wonder if you have a lot of visiting Brothers from other locals. No, not at all. You are gently reminded that many of them are the apprentice boys that you worked with a few years ago. Many of them are now foremen and good ones too. We are proud of them, for some of we old-timers can now find out the answers to many questions that these same boys a few years ago asked us.

Where some of the old-timers come

in handy is helping our new apprentice boys understand the spirit of unionism and the I.B.E.W. It takes time and experience to really get this union spirit under the skin. Forty hours a week with a living wage was the fighting motto of the old school. It was a long fight but we won. But the necessary cooperation to maintain this hard-fought-for benefit in many respects does not get the proper support. We have I.B.E.W. Brothers from out of other locals come to our union hall daily, looking for work. When our business agent offers them five eights they politely say "no thank you, we want overtime jobs." I believe it would be a wise and very helpful approach to organized labor's policy, if the many that are resentful of the 40-hour week would read and fully digest the fine editorial on page 16 of the August issue of the ELECTRICAL JOURNAL. I am wholeheartedly in favor of everything in this



editorial. It is very gratifying for the employer to ask our men to work premium time in case of necessity, but for some of our Brothers to demand it as a condition of employment seems to me a little farfetched. A little more respect for the real policy of organized labor would mean better union men.

All our local members are working at present and the prospects are good for a busy fall and winter. Some of our boys are just getting back from vacations and believe it or not, I have heard very little about the "big one that got away." There is something wrong somewhere. I think I will have to take a week or two off and when I come back on the job I just don't believe I can be that modest.

J. E. SMITH, P. S.

## Florida Local Awaits New Hurricane Season

L. U. 323, WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.—Summer will now soon be behind us and I cannot say that I am sorry. In fact down here our best season is the winter. This summer in particular has really been a scorcher. At the moment we are keeping tabs on what we commonly call a "suspicious area" out of which a hurricane is born. To those of you who visit the movies you probably can see more of the severity of a hurricane than we do who live here for when the hurricane does hit, we have already boarded up and we just sit or sleep them out indoors. Quite a few people like to enjoy what they call hurricane parties.

Work has been good in most of the building trades, there are quite a few fairly large new construction jobs underway, a new Burdine's Store, Singer Sewing Machine Company, a new office building and several smaller jobs on the Palm Beach side and here in West Palm Beach, not forgetting Palm Beach Shores, a new beach development north of West Palm Beach and Riviera Beach, which to those of you who are acquainted with our neck of the "woods" would be surprised to find a rapidly growing and progressive little township. We have had quite a few visiting Brothers working with us this summer.

I am enclosing two or three more pictures of the Power House under construction. The job is progressing very nicely. It's a 40-hour per week job up to now with very little overtime. Would like to convey our best regards to those visiting Brothers who have now returned to their own home locals. It was nice seeing you. Wish you all the best of luck and hope to have you in our jurisdiction again in the very near future.

Well as the saying goes "Time and

tide wait for no man" and I am going to have to hurry to beat the deadline.

WALTER FANNELL, P. S.

## Analyzes Recent Canadian Election

L. U. 339, FORT WILLIAM AND PORT ARTHUR, ONT.—The voice of the Canadian electors has spoken once again with a resounding victory for Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent and his liberal government, who have a period of good, sound, responsible government behind them for the past 18 years. With 170 seats and a total of 265 they have a good working majority. The unknown quantity contained in the rosy promises of the opposition parties proved to be poor bait for the Canadian electorate.

The Labor Progressive Party which is the political arm of the Communist Party had 100 candidates in the field and thank the good Lord every one of them went down in utter defeat and lost their deposits of \$200 each. (All candidates have to deposit \$200 when they qualify, and if they don't poll one half of the number of the winning candidate's votes they lose their deposit.) This netted our government a total of \$20,000.

Now don't let us be fooled, for the Labor Progressive Party knew that they didn't have a chance of a snowball in hades in having a candidate elected. However, they used the

medium of the election to put forth their propaganda, to get free time on the air waves of the Canadian Broadcasting Company, and it gave them fairly accurate information of the following they have in Canada, which by the way, was over 55,000. To them this information alone was invaluable and was worth more than \$20,000 to them. However, it also gave the information to all freedom-loving people in Canada, that we have 55,000 potential enemies who are banded together with one unified thought in mind—the overthrow of our democratic society and the setting up of a dictatorship which would destroy our freedom.

Now the above remarks must of necessity bring to mind the resolution submitted by Local 105 of Hamilton, Ontario to the convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, held recently in Ottawa. Through the press we were given the information that Local 105 submitted a resolution to the effect, "That the Executive Board of the Trades and Labor Congress be empowered to accept the credentials of all delegates to the convention irrespective of his or her political affiliation." Naturally this would seat any Communist delegate to the convention. This is definitely against the policy of the Trades and Labor Congress which has been fighting vigorously for the past three years to oust the Communist element from its affiliated unions. However, with one lone supporter from British Columbia, the United Fishermen and

## Contribute Services to Scouts



These members of Local 332, San Jose, Calif., recently contributed their expert services to the construction of the administration building for the Boy Scouts of America in Santa Clara. Left to right, bottom row: Edward White, Paul Epler, A. F. Elkins, N. P. Angelo, and L. W. Kruger. Top row: O. Wetterlind, J. Riopel, Roy E. Butcher, Lester Fleming, W. W. Lewis, Walter Minkel, and M. E. Denning.



Allied Workers Union, the resolution went down to overwhelming defeat, and rightly so.

The delegate or delegates from Local 105 must have felt their position when their resolution met with such vigorous opposition. Personally, I find it hard to put into words the reaction that came to mind when one of our Sister locals of the great I.B. E.W. presented such a resolution. "Mindya" (as the late Al Smith used to say) the resolution may have been put forth in good faith in the interest of freedom. However there are those in our midst that have a misguided conception of the real meaning of freedom. Real freedom, we must remember, is the essence of truth, while the reverse is known as license and is used exclusively by those with a twisted philosophy of life, that know not the truth, and we know to whom the latter can apply.

Local 339 is an avowed enemy of communism.

It has finally come to pass, over three groups of utility employes have finally achieved a unified rate of \$1.93½ an hour with a 40-hour week, with all other classifications raised on a pro rata basis. Personally, I think Bill Ladyman, our International Representative, did a good job for Local 339, and is to be congratulated, not forgetting, however, the committee members who worked so hard to eventual success. I know that all are not entirely satisfied, but always remember fellows, there's always another tomorrow, and at the same time remember we cannot have the world with a halo around it. Life will never be and was never meant to be that way.

May we tender our heartfelt sym-

pathy to the family of our late Brother Charles Newington who passed along recently to his eternal reward. Charley was the type of a man that made you feel better for having met and known him. "May he rest in peace."

Here's a thought for the month: Remember, if you cannot get a word in edgeways at home, come to your union meeting and talk all you like. There is much silence at our meetings of late! Why? BECAUSE YOU AND YOU AND YOU DON'T ATTEND.

FRANK KELLY, P. S.

## Reports on Building Near Sacramento Local

L. U. 340, SACRAMENTO, CALIF.—Way out here in the Golden West where the sun always shines and it only rains by pre-arrangement, we are enjoying life and near full-employment. Most of our members wear a beautiful coat of tan and if nothing else can be said of this California sunshine, Brothers, it is hot.

There is no shortage of men here nor is there an over-abundance of work, so we are holding even.

Campbell Soup has had a plant in operation here for six or seven years and is now planning an expansion program. Proctor and Gamble have a large plant under construction. The State of California has a large building program to be stretched out over a long period of years. Because of the influx of population into the state we were caught with far too few schools. The school building program is now under a full head of steam and schools are being built rapidly.

We accepted a welfare plan in lieu of a raise and our committee is busy formulating the ways and means of its operation.

J. E. MELVIN, P. S.

## Ex-Governor Presides At Anniversary Dinner

L. U. 358, PERTH AMBOY, N. J.—On February 7, 1953, Local 358 marked its Golden Anniversary with a dinner and dance at the Hotel Essex House, Newark, New Jersey. The welcoming address opening the evening's festivities was presented by President Robert H. Beck, while Ex-Governor Harold G. Hoffman acted as toastmaster.

Highlighting the anniversary program was the presentation by International Vice President Joseph W. Liggett of a 50-year pin to City Electrician Jay B. Franke, charter member of the local. During the program scrolls were presented to 48 members, marking 20-to-50-year membership in L.U. 358.

Local 358 has had a long and interesting history. Pioneer electricians in the small community of Perth Amboy back in 1903 were granted a charter as a mixed local by T. F. Jackson, then President of the I.B.E.W., on February 12 of that year. Organizer Joseph McNulty, later to become President of the International, installed the original officers.

The original charter covered the area of Perth Amboy and vicinity, which included all of Middlesex and Monmouth counties. Through the years Local 358 has played a vital part in organizing other locals in the

## Celebrate Golden Anniversary



Members and guests of Perth Amboy, N. J., Local 358 at the dinner and dance marking the local's 50th Anniversary.



## Receive Pins at Perth Amboy



This impressive group is composed of members of Local 358 who received pins and scrolls for from 20 to 50 years membership at the anniversary banquet.

area, including L.U. 400, Asbury Park; L.U. 516, Red Bank; L.U. 262, Plainfield; and L.U. 456, New Brunswick. In 1931, Locals 358, 456 and 262 were merged into one local, 23, of New Brunswick and this local in turn merged with L.U. 52 of Newark. In 1935, International President Dan W. Tracy granted permission for 358 to return to its original jurisdiction.

Local 358 has jurisdiction over utility line contractors working on the properties of Jersey Central Power and Light Company of New Jersey, and the utility company properties of New Jersey Power and Light Company, Rockland Light and Power Company and Public Service Electric and Gas Company of New Jersey. In 1952, the charter was amended to include only A-type membership, the B-type members having transferred to A before that time.

In conjunction with the contractors, Local 358 has a Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee which has set up a training program at the Middlesex County Vocational and Technical



Brother Jay Franke, 50-year member of Local 358, is honored at the banquet. With him, from left, are: Jules Knudson, pension member; John C. Boll, business manager; Joseph W. Liggett, International Vice President; Louis Marcic, state AFL president; Brother Franke, and International Representative Henry Heyden, assistant to President Tracy.

High Schools, thus vastly improving old methods of apprentice training.

In reviewing the progress of the last 50 years at the anniversary celebration, the members all indicated that they were proud to be a part of unionism under the I.B.E.W.

JOHN C. BOLL, B. M.

## 'Battery Plant' All Electrician Team

L. U. 362, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Brothers, I want to introduce you to our soft ball team that has been named the "Battery Plant."

There are seven other teams from other crafts on the Washington Terminal that are our rivals.

The "Battery Plant" team is made up entirely of electricians, electrician helpers and electrician apprentices.

As this was written, August 5, more than half of the season had been completed and our men have made a very good showing considering the tough opposition. It's hard to tell just which team will be on top when the season is over, but you can bet your bottom dollar every man is doing his part to put his team on top.

Brother Selden F. Darr, electrician and manager of the "Battery Plant" team is doing a fine job working with his men and will argue with anyone who gets in his hair. Brother Darr says that he would like to challenge other I.B.E.W. teams. If anyone is interested, let us hear from you by writing to George E. Fellows, general chairman, Local Union 362, I.B.E.W., Union Station, Washington, D. C.

Sometime this fall we are planning

## Local 362 Soft Ball Team



The members of Local 362, Washington, D. C.'s soft ball team: From left, front row: Bernhardt, Sanford, Robins, Howerton, Sampson, Hurd. Second row: J. W. Cheadle, press secretary; S. F. Darr, manager; Baccala, Teeples, Booth, Fones, Brown, W. E. Gobbs, gang foreman. Back row: Virts, Mahaney, Kirby, Taylor and Oxford.



## Members Honored at Gala Event



The banquet scene at the Anniversary celebration of Local 369, Louisville, Ky.



Local 369, Louisville, Ky., took the occasion of their 43rd Anniversary celebration to award completion certificates and service scrolls to its members. At left, International Vice President Gordon Freeman presents 40-year scrolls to Brothers Walter Ruh and William Blume. At right, an apprenticeship certificate is presented by R. F. Kirk of the U. S. Department of Labor Bureau of Apprenticeship.

a dinner and dance. Our dinner and dance committee is promising us all a nice affair. We are sure it will be a success, as all of our Brothers will support us as they have always done during the past 15 years.

JAMES W. CHEADLE, P. S.

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### Local 369 Charter Granted 43 Yrs. Ago

L. U. 369, LOUISVILLE, KY.—Fifteen hundred members and guests of L.U. 369 gathered in the newly-completed Flag Room of the Kentucky

Hotel, to celebrate the 43rd Anniversary of its charter in the I.B.E.W. Local 369 was chartered by the I.B.E.W. on December 7, 1910.

The ceremonies were opened by our out-going President James A. Brown, who led the gathering in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Brother Brown then introduced Colonel H. H. Hudson, business manager of 369, who served as toastmaster for the ensuing ceremonies.

Serving in behalf of Governor Lawrence W. Wetherby of Kentucky, who was unable to attend, Colonel Hudson conferred Kentucky-Colonel Commissions on Brother Gordon Free-

man, International Vice President and Brother C. (Curley) McMillan, International Executive Council Member of the I.B.E.W.

Brother "Colonel" Freeman was then called upon by Brother Hudson to present the special awards.

The first award by Brother Freeman was made to the outgoing President J. A. Brown. On behalf of L.U. 359, Brother Freeman presented a gold, jeweled watch and a \$275.00 vacation check to Jim in recognition of his 23 consecutive years as President of 369, and for his faithful, untiring service before his inception as president. Brother Brown was very



emotional in his thanks to the membership and voiced his readiness for the next election.

Brother Freeman called Brother William Blume and Brother Walter Ruh, from the guest-of-honor table to receive their gold buttons, for 40 years of continuous good standing. Brother Adolph Tanner was unable to attend and his button was presented in absentia. Brother Blume was initiated in L.U. 369, May 5, 1912. Brother Ruh has been a member since April 7, 1913 and Brother Tanner since June 30, 1913. Buttons were presented to other members with standings ranging from 35 to 10 years.

Apprenticeship completion certificates were presented by R. F. Kirk, Area Chief of the United States Bureau of Apprenticeship. In introducing Mr. Kirk, Brother Hudson termed him "one of the most valuable persons in the labor field, one who has made, through the years a great and magnificent contribution of talents, interests, and achievement."

The new officers were installed in an impressive ceremony. Every officer was garbed alike. The new officers obligated are Colonel Hudson, Business Manager since 1931, and Financial Secretary. Joe Williamson, President; Charles Pennell, Vice President; Clarence Lochner; Recording Secretary; Edward A. Hoffman, Treasurer; Lawrence Kirchner; Bud Haymaker, John Hood, George Wode, Preston King, C. E. Sewell, Jr. and William Mobley, Executive Board; John Haley, Edward Nix, Jess Brown, Edward Hack, Gilbert Gutsell, Examining Board; Lawrence Kirchner, John Hood, George Wode and Bud Haymaker on Joint Conference Committee.

The dance floor was cleared of the tables and chairs after the ceremonies and the celebration started, with a very fine floor show arranged by Brother Jimmie Bittner. Several wrist watches and wallets were returned to a number of worried Brothers, namely Frank Spalding, Bob Murphy, Joe Pompei and Bob Boegel who lost his cuff links.

The floor show engaged a "reformed pickpocket" to work in the crowd and the good Brothers are proud to know that he is reformed and were happy to get their valuables back. The dance music was furnished by Shep Fields and his Rippling Rhythm to a gathering, I am sure, that really appreciated the good time that L. U. 369 sponsored for them.

The entire program was on the house (L. U. 369) the drinks, the dance and entertainment.

Through the efforts of Brother Mike Mueller, Entertainment Chairman, and his able assistants, Bill Mudd, Ralph Harder, Eddie Nix and

## Kentucky Colonel



H. H. Hudson, business manager of Local 369, bestows a Kentucky Colonelcy on Brother C. McMillian, International Executive Board member.

Bud Evans, it was truly one of the most impressive and enjoyable evenings ever occasioned by the local membership.

P. S. Two other Kentucky Colonel Commissions were conferred by Colonel Hudson, on a trip to Washington, along with Kentucky Colonel string ties—it is now Colonel Dan Tracy and Colonel Scott Milne. Mint juleps are now in order as we salute these outstanding gentlemen.

C. R. HALEY, P. S.

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## Members Win \$100 Nation-wide Contest

L. U. 390, PORT ARTHUR, TEX.—By the time this goes to press another Labor Day will have passed. The Port Arthur Trades and Labor Council is sponsoring a big Labor Day parade. Local Union 390 is going to enter a float as usual, but Brother O. R. "Joe" Savant and his co-workers have their guns set for first prize. They are all working very hard for this and the members are all pulling for them.

Fay Foster, Local Union 390 member, has won first prize in a national lighting competition. Brother Foster who did the winning job while associated with the Jack Hyde Electric Company is now connected with the Stoneburner-Verret Electric company. The prize was \$100 in cash. The nationwide contest was sponsored by the Electrical Construction and Maintenance publication, a McGraw-Hill periodical of New York city. The job was the interior of the Merchants National Bank of Port Arthur at the time it was remodeled.

The competition was in six divisions, and Brother Foster won in Miscellaneous Division No. 6, which includes banks, hospitals, theatres and numerous other types of structures.

Brother J. W. "Red" Miller has returned from a job in France. He reported that living conditions were high and that the French electricians were making four dollars a day. He enjoyed his stay but was glad to be back in Old Port Arthur. While in France, Brother Miller ran into another member of 390, Brother A. H. Allen.

The Carpenters strike that lasted five weeks is now over and many of the boys who were out of town have returned to their old jobs. Most of them were glad to be back home. Not so with Brother J. B. Stevens, Steve English, Le Roy Spell, Johnnie Hoffpauir and Billie Outhouse, who were in the gay city of New Orleans and hinted that they liked it very much.

All members were deeply grieved to hear of the death of Brother D. V. Blessitt's son who passed away August 11, 1953 at the age of eight.

A. A. DERROUGH, P. S.

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## Santa Barbara Host To Conference Meeting

L. U. 413, SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.—During the month of July, Local Union 413 was host local for the Southern Joint Conference Meeting and we had a fine turnout of delegates from all local unions here in Southern California. Several items of interest were reported at the meeting and some very fine talks were given by our International Representatives. Ninth District Vice-President, Oscar Harbak, gave a fine report covering the district and we were all glad to see Oscar back on the job.

Brother Cleve Simon, our last active charter member, has decided to retire from the trade and Cleve is now on the pension list. Brother Simon has been a hard worker during his time at the trade and certainly deserves to take life easy in the coming years. At the present he is spending some time with his family in Northern California and expects to return home to Santa Barbara in September. As Brother Simon has been a faithful union member during all this time we expect him to drop in and see us at our meetings now and then and he will always be welcome.

The Local Negotiating Committee has completed negotiations with the employers for the coming year and as usual has done a fine job. Our scale at present is \$3.10 per hour and several changes in the working rules have benefited our members.

D. MILNE, B. M.



## Trout and Chicken Featured at Outing

L. U. 415, CHEYENNE, WYO.—Our annual get together and picnic was held August 16—a week or two early due to our 50th anniversary coming in September. Every one seemed to enjoy the outing. Food consisted of mountain trout, fried chicken, etc. I did very well, a spring chicken fried in sweet cream butter. The picnic site was what we call Round Top, not very far from Cheyenne in an easily accessible area. All present enjoyed Brother Peter's watermelon with both ears. A vote of thanks to the committee.

The recreation funds are a bit low. No doubt, after the Golden Anniversary they will be completely decimated. In that case, at the picnic for next year we will have to resort to "moonlight" beef. All that we need is a fast horse and a short rope. How to keep from growing old, make a remark something like this "Gee that's good beef! Whose is it?" Or we might do as the Cheyenne barbers did. This year they are going to hold a formal dinner dance, but as none of them own a tuxedo or tails and cannot afford to rent them, they will attend in their smocks.

At the last local meeting Brother C. H. "Hicks" Baker gave an excellent report on the Progress meeting held at Pocatello, Idaho. He stated that the International Office was well represented including the outstanding supervisor of our always improving ELECTRICAL WORKERS' JOURNAL.

The town has been flooded with spurious mutilated \$20.00 bills made from a combination of \$1.00 and \$20.00 bills - - A two-for-one job. Lots of phony gip stocks around also. So far none of us have been offered, at bargain rates, shares in the United Nations.

Gus says: "Drought in Texas nothing; here in Wyoming we got frogs 15 years old that can't even swim."

R. R. WELCH, P. S.

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## Cites Passing of Bakersfield Members

L. U. 428, BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—Local Union 428 has been visited by the Grim Reaper many times within the past year. We understand that man's stay on this earth is only an apprenticeship for that great beyond, and when our Master calls, the apprenticeship is completed for that ever lasting life. However, these partings have a sadness and leave an unfilled place in the future of those left to carry on.

Brother J. W. Champion "Champ"

## At Cheyenne



A one-man entertainment committee displays his talents with a lariat at the annual picnic of Local 415, Cheyenne, Wyo.

as he was generally known to the Brothers—died October 4, 1952, while working in the jurisdiction of Local 477, San Bernardino, California. Champ was well known from Texas, his native state, to the Pacific Northwest. He was 65 years old at the time of his death.

## Member Passes



The late Brother Frank Eiland of Local 428, Bakersfield, Calif., and his wife, Marie.

Brother Francis Ruddy, the "little giant" passed away on January 3, 1953. Francis had toiled at the electrical trade from Florida to New York, and from the East Coast to the West Coast. He was a member in continuous standing of the Brotherhood since February 1, 1926, when he was obligated in Local 323 of Palm Beach, Florida.

Brother Frank Eiland passed away April 6, 1953. Frank was an old timer in Local 428. He was initiated in Local Union 100 of Fresno on June 15, 1915, and later moved to Bakersfield where he remained until his death. Frank was always active in local union affairs—serving on committees and as delegate to affiliated councils, and has held most of the offices of the local union.

Brother Samuel Moe, whom everyone described as the "fine old gentleman," passed away on June 3, 1953. For several years Sam had been convalescing from a heart attack. He returned to work during the past year when he had another heart attack; he was confined to a local hospital where he died shortly after. Sam was a close friend of our beloved past business manager, the late Ed Dolph.

Brother Thomas Boykin was also stricken with a heart attack. He died on June 23, 1953, when he was only 49 years old. He worked in a local shop up to the time of his death. His sudden passing came as a shock to his many friends.

Our sick list has been heavy this year. Through donations, and our Local Sick Fund, the Brothers are helping those less fortunate. Our beloved Jimmy Lewis is again confined to his home with that bad ticker of his. There aren't many people who smile as much and complain so little.

Frank Bonnet has been off from work since April 13, 1953, with a bad heart condition. Frank doesn't expect to be released for work before September. He is now on the Coast, on doctor's orders, recuperating with the aid of cooler climate and salt air.

Brother Leslie Levey was going in high gear until someone ran into his jeep, smashed the jeep and also his arm rather badly. Brother Levey expects to be able to return to light work this fall.

Brother Ralph (Oakie) Roland is in Savannah, Missouri, for the second time, for treatment of skin cancer. He has had a rough time of it; and while he is sure that his condition will be cured, he expects his hand to be scarred and stiff for some time.

The following Brothers have also been on the sick list this year: Hiro Matoba, Lewis Wampler, Norman Schmidt, S. M. Perry, Ralph Kerber, Harry Stamper, LeRoy Smith, Leigh Hale, Dick Edwards, Stanley Alexander, Ross Taylor, Robert Couch, John Misner and Basil Treat.



This press secretary realizes that sickness, accident and death reports are not pleasant subjects, but believes that many of the traveling Brothers who have worked with these members, would like to be informed of these happenings. For the next issue we shall submit a more pleasant subject, "Our Golden Anniversary."

IVAN BEAVAN, B. M.

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## Contribute Services To Build Boys Club

L. U. 441, SANTA ANA, CALIF.—Giant oaks from little acorns grow. And from little ideas planted in the minds of some of our town's benevolent citizens, the materialization of the Fullerton Boy's Club is now beginning to show up through the ground. The foundation was poured this week. From here on out the place is expected to be swarming with week-end workers.

The club has the official approval of The Boy's Clubs of America. Financial assistance has come from the purses of Fullerton's generous people, plus a \$50,000 dollar boost from the Anderson Foundation. Part of this money is earmarked for equipment and maintenance for the first year. The Irvine Company gave an outright gift of \$10,000. A two-year fund-raising campaign of the Fullerton Lions Club netted another \$22,000. Nearly all the materials going into the building have either been contributed or purchased at cost.

A skeleton crew of paid workmen are kept on the job during week days in preparation for the expected army of craftsmen from A. F. L. Building Trades who have responded so graciously in offering their time and skill to this worthy project. Terry Barr of Barr and Wineteer Electric will supervise the electrical installation. Brother Harold Mattson of Local 441 will take over relief for Barr.

Much favorable publicity for Orange County A. F. L. trade unions has already received headline notice in the press. And though we think it a noble principle in our Christian philosophy to not let the left hand know what the right is doing, nonetheless there is a certain amount of pride in having one's righteous deeds remembered by posterity. Those who contribute \$50.00 or more in money, or who give a like amount in labor, will have their names inscribed on a plaque which will become a permanent part of the building.

Plans are being made to serve free drinks and sandwiches on the job for all participants. So come join the party fellows. And now, the date of completion is set for December 15. It all depends on YOU.

## Boys Club Under Construction



This is an architect's sketch of the Fullerton Boy's Club, now under construction in the jurisdiction of Local 441, Santa Ana, Calif.

Tommy Middlebrook tells us that he is often mistaken for W. K. Peet. Our sympathies to W. K. Come to think of it though, there is a striking resemblance.

Brother Ferguson squeezed business and vacation into one tight package and shipped off to the San Francisco area. He attended the State Federation meeting there.

DICK KLAUS, P. S.

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## Change of Bylaws By Michigan Local 498

L. U. 498, TRAVERSE CITY, MICH.—At our August 14th meeting the local union president, Paul Garwood, filled two vacancies by permanent appointment as the Constitution provides. John Gilbert was appointed as recording secretary and Gilbert Reid as vice president. These two members are to serve until our next regular election.

At our August 28th meeting we had a report from the By-Laws Committee on the change of by-laws. Article 10, section four of our by-laws has been changed by the following addition. "Any time the treasury falls below \$250 an automatic assessment shall be levied for a period of one month at the rate of \$1.00 per week."

By the time this makes the JOURNAL the hunting season will be here. Snowballs will be flying soon after that, and ice will form on the lakes. Here's hoping every member who goes after game and fish will have a good season.

GILBERT J. REID, P. S.

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## "Right-to-Work" Bill in Alabama

L. U. 505, MOBILE, ALA.—Well, Brothers and Sisters of the electrical trade, I am very sorry to have to report at this time, that the State of Alabama has joined the ranks of other states in this grand and glorious country of ours that is fast going wrong state by state, as they pass

companion bills to cripple organized labor. I am speaking of the so-called "Right To Work" Bill. The state of Alabama has just pushed one through legislature copied from the Virginia Bill. At this writing the Governor hasn't signed it. But, from where I sit it looks like he will do so.

Labor in the state of Alabama went to the front for the Governor when he needed them, now that we need him, I believe that is going to turn us down.

A Brother of mine who is a close observer of state politics told me that Gordon Persons, our Governor, wasn't the man we wanted. As chairman of the Public Service Commission he proved himself a friend of Mr. Average Citizen. And used that office as a stepping stone to the Governor's chair. Well, we all make mistakes. But it is a wise man who profits by his mistakes.

Dear readers, Senator "Bob" Taft of Ohio, is no more. He has been called home by his Master and Maker, to give an account for his time spent here on earth.

He has been a thorn in the side of labor for many years, one who fought labor at every opportunity.

I have been told that if Taft could be made to understand labor's side as he understood the side of capital, he would fight as hard for labor as he did against it. (What you don't believe it? Neither do I.) But that is what I have been told. Of all the things said about Taft, you must admit that he was honest and sincere in his convictions.

He was truly Mr. Republican. But he never reached the goal he fought so hard for, his life time ambition, to be the President of these free United States. His father William Howard Taft, served his country as President and Bob wanted to follow in his footsteps, but this honor was denied him, although he tried for the nomination three times.

As he is no longer with us, he will be sadly missed by both friends and foe alike. And may his soul rest in peace.

PERCY E. JOHNSON, P. S.



## Cites Unusual Amount Of Labor Unrest

**L. U. 527, GALVESTON, TEXAS**—Once again we send our greetings from the Gulf Coast. This past month has found our entire general area beset by labor strife and unrest to an extent not seen in many years. Our jurisdiction and that of our immediate neighbors have seen strikes in the construction industry by Carpenters, Laborers, Painters, Operating Engineers, Iron Workers, and others. Pickets have shut down many millions of dollars of construction, and yet our particular local has enjoyed the good fortune of being able to keep practically everyone at work. To do so made necessary many personnel changes from one job to another—from one shut down job to one still operating. We have been able to absorb many of our neighbor Brothers who were less fortunate and have been only happy to do so.

We finally completed our construction contract negotiations, the final settlement being in wages only. This now sets our scale at \$2.875 and makes some apprentice rate adjustments toward meeting the accepted standards on such rates. We feel that this contract and our welfare contract give us a fair coverage of conditions in the jurisdiction.

Negotiations on our maintenance contracts are proceeding at a more favorable pace now. We have all but signed two that will provide for four percent or 10 cents increase in wage rates and improved contract conditions. Another is well along and should be nearing completion in the near future.

Most of our reported ill Brothers are back at work. Brothers Cottingham and Russell have been hospitalized, and Brother Sandham is still confined at his home. We wish them all best wishes for a speedy recovery.

LEE O. SCHELIN, B. M.

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## Bids Farewell to Lawrence F. Ross

**L. U. 557, SAGINAW, MICH.**—Brother Lawrence F. Ross, a member of the I.B.E.W. since 1937, passed away at the Saginaw General hospital this July after a brief illness. It was a severe blow to the local to lose a man of Brother Ross' caliber.

He held, at various times, the office of president, recording secretary, financial secretary pro tem and business manager pro tem. Also, he was an Executive Board member, an Examining Board member, a member of the Apprenticeship Committee and a member of the Board of Examiners for the Saginaw Electrical Inspection Department. In addition, Brother

Ross sat on the union bargaining committee many times during negotiation sessions, and was highly regarded by both contractors and fellow workers.

Born August 20, 1907 in Saginaw, Brother Ross attended the University of Detroit and studied electrical engineering before entering the electrical trade. In 1935 he married Margaret Shackelford, who survives him, along with four daughters and a son, Mary C., Margaret, Ann, Dorothy A., and Lawrence F. Also surviving him are his mother, two sisters, Miss Catherine Ross and Mrs. Benjamin Baker, and a Brother, Leslie G. Ross. Brother Ross' father, Fred Ross, was a charter member of Local 557.

ALVIN DARLING, B. M.

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## Maine Local 567 Repeats Field Day

**L. U. 567, PORTLAND, MAINE**—In June, Local 567 had its first field day in a number of years, and it was such a success that the local asked for a repeat again on Labor Day.

Brother Beauchesne headed up the committee and did a swell job with the able help of Brothers McCann and Anderson, and Brothers Leverette, McClure and Woodhead of our Lewiston unit. The field day was held at Lake Shore Inn, on Tripp Lake, which had all the facilities for a good time—a nice beach for the whole family, bathhouses, baseball field and plenty of parking space.

We had plenty of games and prizes for the children and had competitive games between the Lewiston and Portland units. Incidentally another year we need bigger and stronger men and women on the Portland teams because Lewiston really "pulled" the Portland gang around.

We had approximately 250 men, women and children. Marjorie Sherman won the first attendance prize, of a swell mixmaster, donated by E. S. Boulos Company and Norman Veileau won the second attendance prize of a waffle iron, donated by York Electric Company. Movies were taken for later showing and as it was a very hot, sunny day, plenty of sunburns developed. All in all it was an ideal day.

The Labor Day field day is being put on by the Lewiston unit at Taylor Pond, Auburn, another fine place for an affair of this sort and another good time is expected.

Our apprenticeship school committee, consisting of Brothers Dunn, Fraser, H. Hurd, Wicks, Day and Shute are formulating our school plans for the coming year, and our hopes are high that it will be the best school ever. It is also hoped that we can establish a splicing school for journeymen with Brother Fraser as our very able instructor.

The local wishes to express its sincere sympathy to Harry Meserve, on the loss of his wife.

As we cannot reach many of our members, we would like to take this opportunity to ask our Brothers for blood donations to build our blood bank back to normal. This is important to all, as any member of your family may use this bank free of charge.

WILLIAM ANDERSON, P.S.

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## T. and L. Congress Concludes Convention

**L. U. 568, MONTREAL, QUE.**—Winding up its 68th annual convention on August 17 in Ottawa, Ontario, the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada adopted some 180 resolutions.

This local union had Brother W. Chartier, business manager, as our official delegate and representative and he presented two of the resolutions adopted.

Once again the convention reaffirmed its non-partisan political policy of the TLC along the same lines as in previous years. Regarded as the most contentious issue on the agenda, the TLC on political action rejected attempts to align its members with the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation which is the "Socialist" party of this country, and sometimes referred to as the "Workers' Party." The resolution as finally put through, also states, however, that it is recognized that more education along political lines is necessary so that affiliated organizations may take more effective political action designed to further the aims of our affiliated membership. On unity, the adopted resolution which called upon all labor organizations of the TLC to desist from raiding, asked them instead to concentrate on organizing the unorganized as the first step toward closer relations and eventual organic unity between the national central bodies of organized labor in Canada.

Congress also went on record as favoring payments of unemployment insurance to workers who have to leave the job because of sickness. Parliament last session extended insurance to workers who become sick after leaving work for other reasons. This is also a result of the demands put forth by organized labor in the previous convention of the TLC.

In the election of officers for the new term, the old slate was returned in office with the exception of one; Bert Showler, vice president for British Columbia was defeated by R. K. Gervin of Vancouver.

Your Social and Welfare Committee is reminding once again all our members of 568 to keep well in mind



## Members of Local 584, Tulsa, Okla.



L. C. McFreeley, an Oklahoma City brother and superintendent for Oklahoma Electric Supply, pours over the prints for the Sinclair Building in Local 584's jurisdiction, at left. Gene Stratomyier and Herb Walson pause while unloading fixtures on the bull gang, center, and at right Ode Watson, Jack Crain and Norvin Scott discuss the best way to raise a 660 hp motor to the sixth floor of the Sinclair Building.



At left, Ralph Sheppard, Roy Sheppard and an unidentified member of Local 584, at work in one of the Sinclair Building kitchens. Center, Jack Crabtree, Bryan Hensen, "Pee Wee" Harper and Jack Crain work in the building's basement. Benny Hopkins, in picture at right, steadies the ladder as Joe Johnson pulls wires at Sinclair.

the evening of October 23, which is the night of our Third Annual Dance. A special invitation is extended to everyone to come with friends and spend an enjoyable evening and help boost the funds of your Welfare Committee at the same time.

L. G. THERIAULT, P. S.

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### Governor Favors Anti-Labor Bill

L. U. 584, TULSA, OKLA.—The Governor said today (August 18) that a state "Right-to-Work" bill would be favored by him because our difficulty is the necessity to have labor laws that will allow us to compete for industry with surrounding states. He also accused the International Representatives who were on hand on the state-owned G.R.D.A. dispute as outside labor leaders. We remember the Governor alerted the National Guard and called in the Highway Patrol on this strike.

August 19th, the Governor hastily tried to recover any ground he might



Frank Pessels, A. E. Dooley, Al Lowery, Bob Emery and "Killer" Rich, at left, on the job at Sinclair, and at right are H. R. McHarness, Bruce Gass, Glenn Larrimore, Jimmy Tombs and Doc Hansen.



have lost with organized labor yesterday, today he hastened to say that he wasn't against labor unions.

This is an unusual policy for a Democratic Governor to take, especially one who was once a member of a union himself. We believe the Governor has now proven what he thinks of organized labor. I would like to say to organized labor in Oklahoma

to keep those letters of protest pouring into the Governor's office. He may realize how many friends he has lost and change his views.

For several weeks some business and industrial leaders have been holding private sessions all over the state trying to come up with an organization to push the so called "Right to Work bill." They know they have



## Personalities of Local 605



At left, is a scene from the Local 605 open air safety meeting at which these three Jackson, Miss., members were the featured speakers: W. C. McCurdy, job superintendent; Olus Combs, general superintendent, and Robert Loyd, shop steward. Workmen on the hi-line job at Charleston, Miss., are seen at right. From left: Frank Frisch; Paul Frisch; Norman Sowers, and J. A. Frisch. All are members of Local 500, San Antonio, Tex.



D. M. (Red) Galloway, veteran member of Local 605 has recently returned from Local 309, East St. Louis, Ill. He is presently line foreman on the Southeastern hi-line job.

little chance of putting such a law on the books by legislature. So they are thinking of circulating petitions and bringing it in through a vote of the people. They are now looking for a place to launch such a drive. Although many industrialists want such a law, they hesitate to go out into the open about it fearing retaliation from organized labor.

This means we still have a slight edge on them. We will probably be

busy the next few months keeping such an edge. Labor members in the whole state can help by writing letters to your representatives and to the editors of your newspapers, and anything to help educate the public to what the false-sounding "Right to Work" bill is will be helpful. I might add that Senator Kerr who was for such a bill in 1943 is now opposed to one. Which shows how letter writing can help.

We are proud of the work our own Tulsa Trades Council is doing. They have realized the danger of this bill all along and have done much toward keeping everyone aware of the facts.

With regret we learned of the passing of a former member, Brother H. B. (Tex) Rickard who died at Freeport, Texas, July 26th. Tex, who was once a contractor, was remembered well by most of us.

C. H. (Chuck) Houghton has been in the hospital for over two years at Onongdaga Sanatorium and is now at 522 Seymour St., Syracuse, New York, and would appreciate any Brothers having the time dropping in to see him.

Work has slacked off, although a number of jobs are still on paper.

Our negotiations with our sign shops have been completed and a 15-cent hourly increase has been gained.

We understand some of our Brothers in Houston and around the country have been questioning the lack of a union label on equipment manufactured by the Nelson Electric Company here. The questioning has done some good because Nelson's are now wondering about the advisability of displaying the label on their goods.

Our softball team has finished up fourth place in their league. We be-



Brother George Dawkins of Local 917 pauses before the office of Local 605, Jackson, Miss.

lieve these boys have really done a fine job. I might add that they had to forfeit their first game as all the team members were busily working at the Oil Show at that time.

BOB DOOLEY, P. S.

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### Describes Vacations Of Jamaica Members

L. U. 589, JAMAICA, N. Y.—Well, the announcement was made, "School is open" and in the background you could hear the moans of children and the faint "ho-hum" of some adults. The reason for the children's moans is self-explanatory but the "ho-hum" of the adults is because vacation time is just about over. But it is nice to sit down and recall to mind the fine vacation we had. So here is the way some of our Brothers spent theirs.

Brother Fred Kleupfel went to the



Catskills with his lovely family. To cool off I guess, eh, Fred?

Brother E. Caron made the long trip across our beautiful country to California. We hope you and your family had a fine trip.

Brother Fred Stevens made a trip to Niagara Falls and to Asbury Park, New Jersey, and the boys in the sub-stations are wondering whether he made the trip to survey these places for a future honeymoon. How about it, Fred?

By the way boys, if you ever have any questions about fish you can get the necessary information from Brother T. Pracht and Brother H. Coyle. I heard they are experts on hackle-heads.

All of the boys from the local wish to extend a fervent get-well wish to our former Recording Secretary J. J. Kelly. Also, I hope by the time this is printed, Brother Charlie Amkon and Brother Frank Shelbourg will be hale and hearty again.

Since changing his residence Brother Henry Grothman seems to have acquired a very sunny disposition in addition to a nice tan. Good to see you looking so fine, Henry.

Congratulations are extended by all of us to Brother Charles Dorn and his lovely wife on their 34th wedding anniversary. We hope you and your wife have many more of them.

Well, we are happy to announce we have a few new members for our formula, diaper and two a.m. feeding club. So we are happy to congratulate our good president and his wife on becoming parents of a fine baby girl. Brothers Fred McGuinness and Brother Tom Savage also became the fathers of little lassies.

We all wish to express our deepest sympathy to Brother Bill Brown on the passing of his beloved mother.

GEORGE I. GIBBS, P. S.

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## Filibuster Staged To Block State Bill

L. U. 605, JACKSON, MISS.—Looks as if the anti-union boys are trying to get well quick under the Republicans. However in most cases they seem to be getting a roll for their money; for example we quote from the Greenwood, Mississippi *Commonwealth*: "Montgomery, Alabama August 18 (AP)—An early morning filibuster droned on hour-after-hour in the State Senate today, blocking legislation to curtail union labor activities in Alabama.

"The non-stop speaking grind which began last Friday, then paused for a weekend recess, started again at full speed when the Senate reconvened this morning at one minute after midnight. Nor was the end in sight as daylight broke. Labor leaders, claiming two more voices

besides the five who held out for 12 hours Friday, spoke confidently of holding the floor right on to midnight tonight—23 hours and 59 minutes without a break.

"Unless they do, the right to work bill which touched off the filibuster will come to a final vote during the day, and even its opponents concede it would pass. The controversial measure would outlaw the union shop in Alabama."

We sometimes wonder if we members appreciate our organization enough, especially the work of our officers from the business manager's level on up. For instance it is assumed that the State Federation of Labor and Labor's League for Political Education in collaboration with our own Fifth District I.V.P. and his staff took part in the aforementioned battle in our neighboring State of Alabama. So we say to all you folks "burning that midnight oil" to protect our rights while we slept, WE SALUTE YOU.

J. W. RUSSELL, P. S.

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## Local 634's Thanks To Neighbor Locals

L. U. 634 PARSONS, KANSAS—Have not got much to report this time.

Local 634 still has a lot of its members working away from home. The neighboring locals have been good to our boys in keeping them in work, and we appreciate that very much.

Just hope that we can be able to return the favor sometime.

Will try and have more to report next month.

GEORGE L. TUCKER, R.S.

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## New Home for 10 Year Old Ore. PUD

L. U. 659, MEDFORD, ORE.—This is the story of a P. U. D.

On May 3, 1953 there came into being the Central Lincoln PUD (Peoples Utilities District). It was organized to serve the Oregon Coastal region from Lincoln Beach in the North to Glasgow in the South. The facilities of the West Coast Power Company were purchased for serving this territory, which was to grow both industrially and in population beyond any anticipation.

Now, 10 years later the Central Lincoln PUD celebrated its 10th anniversary by dedicating its new \$100,000 home in Florence, Oregon. At the time of its inception, Central Lincoln served approximately 5,000 customers, 9,000,000 kilowatt hours annually. Today it serves approximately 10,000 customers almost 90,000,000 kilowatt hours annually. In

1943 its total assets were close to \$851,000, while today they are nearly \$1,400,000. In 1948 when the BPA lines were energized to the PUD's Mapleton sub-station, Central Lincoln was able to do away with its diesel generators at Florence that had fought so vainly to keep abreast of the area's power needs.

Thereafter, with Bonneville power available, the electrification of the region's industry went apace. Mills, that had been steam or diesel driven, now converted to electricity and new industry was attracted by a plentiful supply of cheap power; and this region began to come into its own in a postwar era of expansion that has marked Oregon's growing importance in the world of industry. I might add, that in the process of serving its customers the better, Central Lincoln has been revitalized and completely modernized, not only as to its new home in Florence, but also as to the equipment so necessary for efficient maintenance and new construction.

Thus have I, in a few sentences, sought to relate the growth of Central Lincoln in the 10 years of its existence, which is in its own small scale, a story of the importance of electrical power in the world today. To do justice to Central Lincoln's story would require chapters, which space I most certainly lack. However, I would like to offer congratulations to Central Lincoln for its fine labor relations with L. U. 659, and to congratulate those Brothers who have helped build Central Lincoln into a thriving utility. I would like to thank Brother Bud Fulcher for the above information, and to say "Sorry, Bud, but all pictures must be of the glossy finished type!"

In closing may I add that my very favorite drive is on Coastal Highway 101 between Reedsport and Newport. The rugged beauty of Mother Pacific's coast is breath taking. To me it is a beauty that man can merely seek to imitate and those of you who revel in the beauty of names let these play upon your tongue: Siletz and Yaquina; Alsea and Yachats; Siuslaw and Depoe Bay. Congratulations, Brothers and Sisters of the Central Lincoln Unit!

L. J. WAY, P.S.

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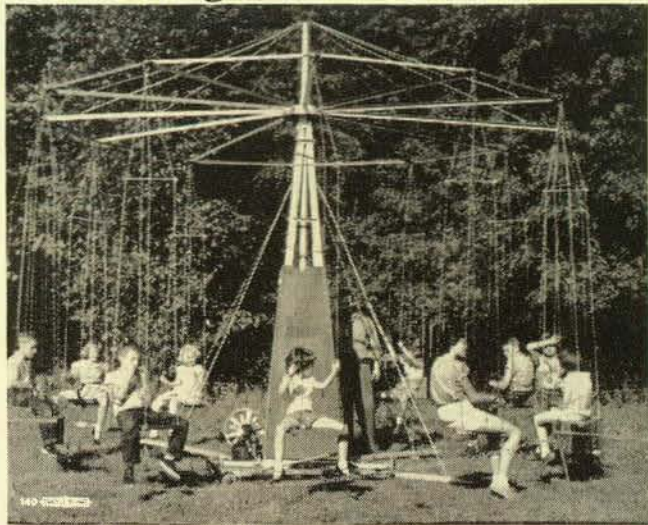
## Union's Generosity Aids Defense Effort

L. U. 664, NEW YORK, N. Y.—A fine example of brotherhood was exhibited during the strike here of Local 282, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, AFL, who deliver sand, stone, gravel and cement to construction jobs.

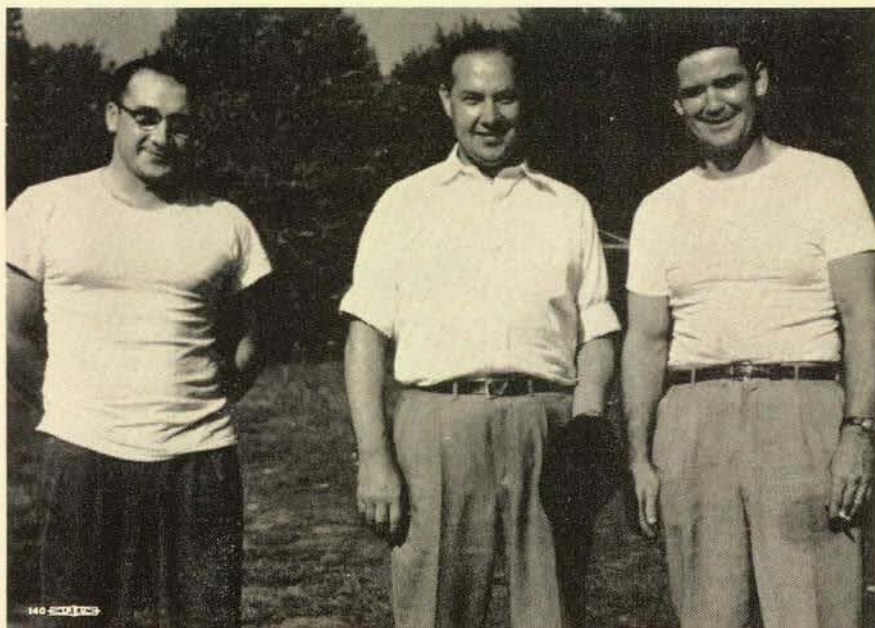
Because of the strike of this local, sand, sorely needed to clean the hull



## Annual Picnic at New Brighton



Here at left is part of the picnic area with some of the members of Local 712, New Brighton, Pa., at their annual outing. Swings were a popular feature of the day for the younger set, as seen at right.



At the Local 712 picnic are Marty Temperante, International Representative Andrew Johnson and Al Windish.

of the U.S.S. Hornet, out of "moth balls" and under modernization in drydock here, was not available. Local 807's secretary, Thomas Hickey of the Teamsters Union a member of the Brooklyn Metal Trades Council, was appealed to and he in turn contacted President O'Rourke of Local 282 and appraised him of the situation, stressing that it was needed for Government defense work and that it would mean a work stoppage and deter the recommissioning of the vessel urgently needed for the defense program.

Within 24 hours, Local 282's Brother Teamsters had delivered enough of the material to sandblast several hulls.

So, on September 10th, Uncle Sam put into service another fighting ship to keep this country free.

**LABOR NEWS ROUND-UP . . .**  
The strike of Local 282, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, AFL had its effect on many of our brothers, non-government employees. Millions of dollars of construction work on which they were employed in the jurisdiction of other I.B.E.W. locals was halted causing them to be locked out. Another lock-out took place when the International Union of Electricians and Radiomen of the CIO struck at the Arma plants in Carle place, Nassau county and in Brooklyn. Many AFL affiliated union construction workers had to halt construction in the main plant and on new buildings being erected by the company which manufactures technical instruments for the Navy and Air Force. A picket line of some 5,000 IUE-CIO workers

barred entrance to the plants and many scuffles took place between the local police, CIO workers and management officers, many injuries resulting. This seldom happens in AFL labor difficulties today. Strange as it may seem, this reporter learned that many of these IUE members were disgusted with their union and would welcome organization by the IBEW.

Another CIO union, the Communication Workers of America, in its local labor paper, *The Beacon*, charges our International President, Dan Tracy together with the United Telephone Organization with raiding and sabotage. In articles printed in the July issue it deprecates the ability of the IBEW to properly serve telephone workers in labor relations. It is the belief of your reporter, that the CWA-CIO realize we have better conditions and a higher wage scale than they can secure and are piqued. The members of Local 1470, Kearney, New Jersey who are employed in the Western Electric plant in that city, know better. They voted the CIO out and have been working and living happily ever since.

**POST ELECTION REPORT . . .**  
On July 16, 1953 at Knights of Columbus Hall, 81 Hanson place, Brooklyn, our new 1953-55 Board of Officers were sworn into office by past president Jack Skelton before a jammed-packed membership. Brother Skelton, who has been retired for many years displayed the same verve and pep that he evidenced while the head of this local. He was in fine spirit and excellent health.

In welcoming newly-elected President Conrad Nestler, he stated that it was his earnest hope that the local would grow and advance as it has in the last six years. He complimented Past-President John Brandon and his



outgoing staff on the fine job they did for the local and the advancement it had made under their leadership. Many "old timers" were present, among whom were Brothers Pat Boyle, Jim Moran, Charles Foy and Stanley Rose.

Effective August 31, all local 664 electricians in Government service in the Brooklyn Naval Shipyard received an hourly wage increase of 16 to 19 cents according to the class of work they were engaged in. Helpers got 16 cents per hour across the board.

This increase was a result of the wage survey data gathered by the all-union local wage survey board started in November 1952 and completed in April of this year. It is indicative of the benefits derived from union labor affiliation. The board is to be commended.

In wage surveys held prior to 1951, union labor was not invited to serve on any wage survey board. Any data submitted by union representatives was turned over to a Government appointed board. Union labor had no voice nor vote and much of the data gathered did not give a true picture of the local economic condition then existent, therefore wage increases were either non-existent or of a very low level and punitive.

Another wage survey is being scheduled for the fall of this year, it was reported, with the new board being heavily weighted with union electricians and other union tradesmen.

JOSEPH F. KRIKAWA, P.S.

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## Praise for Members Of Outing Committee

L. U. 676, PENSACOLA, FLA.—Over 300 Brothers and members of their families attended a fish fry sponsored by L. U. 676 that was held alongside the waters of our lagoon on Saturday afternoon August 15th. Everyone who attended enjoyed an afternoon of meeting the families of their Brothers and filling up on freshly caught and fried fish with baked beans, french fried potatoes, and highly acclaimed "hush-puppies." A heartfelt vote of thanks goes out to the committee who got the ball rolling by making all plans for and were the chief cooks at the outing. The committee members were: Pete Norred, Bert Ard, Karl Appeli, and Benny Carmichael. However, a lot of the hard work was done by Brothers Conkey, Timer, Roscoe Watson, Arthur Stubbs and others. All of these men agreed among themselves that they had the best time of all because they were there longest.

These or similar affairs should be held more often for the good of the

union because they bring its members closer together in a friendly atmosphere of play. Under these conditions friendships ripen between members who have previously had only respect for each other. Respect and friendship lead to tolerance in our thinking towards one another. Respect, friendship and tolerance, are all necessary for the feeling of true Brotherhood that is the foundation of Unionism and of society.

J. OTTLEY, P. S.

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## Slow Progress Toward Full Work Schedule

L. U. 712, NEW BRIGHTON, PA.—A cheery "hello" to all the Brothers from Local 712. A lull in local activities has forced me to postpone my correspondence in the last few issues of the JOURNAL.

The work that we had anticipated in our jurisdiction has finally begun to break. It is progressing slowly, but is showing signs of improving. The two large projects which are presently underway are at the Pennsylvania Railroad yards located in Conway and the Koppers Company at Kobuta, Pennsylvania. The general foremen on these two projects are Art Gill and Bob Todd, respectively.

The local contractors have been very busy this past summer. The Reno Electric Company has kept the greatest number of our members employed locally. This contractor has also contributed to the little league baseball cause, by installing lighting standards at the Leetsdale field free of cost to the teams participating.

Our local held its annual picnic at the Elks Park in Darlington on the 23rd of August. A wonderful time was enjoyed by everyone present. We extended invitations to many of our Brothers and were very pleased to have their presence. There was much to eat and drink, with a barbecued pork dinner being the feature meal of the day. Amusements for the children included the circular swings, miniature autos and the swinging planes. Dancing and baseball were enjoyed by the older members and their families.

Chairman for the event was Brother Scotty MacFarlane whose committee consisted of the following: Art Gill, Al Windish, Paul Greer, Marty Temperante, Al Padgett, Bob Bradley and Mike Sinchok. Through their tireless efforts the picnic was a huge success.

MARTY TEMPERANTE, P. S.

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## Three Officers Amass 100 Years of Service

L. U. 713, CHICAGO, ILL.—On

August 18th Local 713 held an open meeting, in which the recently elected officers were installed by International Vice President Boyle.

The installation carried with it a rather unique situation, due to the fact that the combined years of consecutive service of the president, recording secretary, and the business manager, as officers of the local union, are more than 100.

There may be cases similar to this in other local unions, but we are sure there is nothing like it in any other "shop local."

Brother Boyle, in his talk to the membership present, complimented the officers of the local union on the progress made, pointing out that we have grown from a few hundred members to over 5,000 since he became Vice President of the Sixth District. The writer will add that the wages and conditions of our membership compare very favorably with any "shop local" in the Brotherhood, and we believe that is what counts.

In this same meeting Brother Boyle presented 50-year pins to two of our members;—the third member could not be present, so his pin, scroll and gift were mailed to him.

The gift mentioned above was one of the very fine wrist watches which Local 713 gave its 50-year members.

Two of the 50-year members—Clarence Hayman, and William Bishoff—were mutes, who spent their working days with the Automatic Electric Company. The third 50-year member, Nels Nelson, is still employed by the Automatic Electric Company. This member joined the Brotherhood in old Local 279, which was a Chicago Local of armature winders. I notice this local number is now in Virginia.

While on the subject of years of service, I believe it would be appropriate to mention that Local 713, has several girls who have 35 years standing in the Brotherhood, and quite a group with over 30 years membership.

Local 713 was chartered in November 1911, which was during the split in the Brotherhood. Quite a group of our old timers were members of Local 376 at that time, and when Local 376 voted to support the Reid-Murphy faction, a large number of Local 376 members transferred into Local 713. I notice that No. 376 is not assigned to any local union. The reason may be that it became quite an "eyesore."

I trust that when the membership reads my letters to the JOURNAL they won't get the idea that I am living entirely in the past, but, I must confess I do like to reminisce at times.

J. F. SCHILT, P.S.

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## Houston Local Reports Favorable Negotiations

L. U. 716, HOUSTON, TEXAS—At



## Veterans, Officers of Local 713



These are the recently elected officers of Local 713, Chicago, Ill. Left to right: Brothers Binnie; Kielma; Hoffman; Peterson; Cox; Doerr; Schilt. Second row: Brothers Rudolph; Antonelli; Halvorsen; Adair; Erickson, and Viane.



Pres. Harry M. Cox, 35 consecutive years as an officer of Local 713, with Financial Secretary and Business Manager Schilt—40 years and Recording Secretary Doerr—31 years, making a total of 106 years of combined service for these three officers.



Members of Local 713, left to right: A. J. Pusateri; M. J. Boyle; Nels Nelson; Wm. Bishoff; J. F. Schilt; Wm. M. Taylor.

the time of this writing, the officers of the local are well up to their ears in wage negotiations. The results have been favorable to date. By favorable, we mean that we are getting increases in all branches of the trade without having had to resort to any work stoppage so far. The

amounts gained in the various contracts have not been large enough to cause us to pop out our chests, but they have been consistent and general.

The inside agreement took a humorous but profitable twist in the last phases. The contractors proposed to put the raise into effect at the begin-

ning of the first full payroll period, following receipt of approval of the International President. This left us with about 24 hours to get approval from President Tracy's office in order to meet the deadline. The contractors never had any idea that the I.B.E.W. could move fast enough to accomplish this, and they were greatly surprised when they found out that we had flown the agreement to Washington, had it approved and presented back to them some eight hours before the deadline.

This last action resulted in something over 6,000 dollars in pay for our members. On the surface this looks like a small matter in itself, but suppose every construction electrician in the Brotherhood was knocked out of a dollar a day for a week or two due to wage negotiations dragging by the expiration of the contract. It would rapidly run into millions of dollars loss to our members. The solution would be a retroactivity clause in all of our agreements.

B. B. MORGAN, P. S.

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## Banquet-Dance Features Anniversary Celebration

L. U. 743, READING, PA.—Greetings from L. U. 743 which celebrated its 35th Anniversary on May 23, 1953 at a banquet-dance in the Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Reading, Pennsylvania. The occasion of our chartering, 35 years ago, was a delightful affair enjoyed by local union members, their wives, friends, and guests, with a delicious banquet, a splendid floor show and a very happy get-together.

International Officers who were here for the celebration were: Joseph Liggett, International Vice President of the Third District; Lawson Wimberly, Assistant to International President Tracy; Fred B. Irvin, Assistant to President Tracy and Charles Scholes, International Representative.

The invocation was offered by the



Reverend Lester E. Fetter, president of the Lutheran Ministerium of Reading.

The highlight of the celebration was the presentation of 35-year pins to Brother John D. Baier and Brother Walter Diehl, charter members of Local 743, by International Vice President Joe Liggett. Brother Baier and Brother Diehl were two of 14 men who organized the local in 1918.

Vice President Liggett recalled the "long hard road" travelled by labor, reciting incidents of the past half century. He urged political activity to safeguard labor's high standards of today.

Brother Charles Rhodes, President of our L. U. 743, extended greetings to those present who came to share this occasion with us, conveying his appreciation and thanks of L. U. 743 for their interest in helping to make the present affair a memorable one.

President Rhodes introduced Thomas K. Leinbach, superintendent of Community General Hospital, who was toastmaster.

Business agent Frank J. Hittner, introduced by Leinbach, recalled how the plumbers union staked the electricians to their first hall rent because the new L. U. 743 in 1918 had no funds.

Herb Fix told how the Electrical Workers Credit Union, with a membership of 175, can boast a savings totalling \$25,000.00. Brother Fix appealed to other union members to join the credit union and save money systematically.

Toastmaster Leinbach introduced and recognition was given to J. Herbert Kissinger, director of vocational education for the Reading School District and Ted Weems who is in charge of apprentice training for the U. S. Department of Labor in the Reading area.

President Dan Tracy and Secretary J. Scott Milne sent a telegram which

## Celebration Staged in Reading



International representatives were on hand to help Local 743, Reading, Pa., commemorate their 35th Anniversary. Left to right, standing: Fred B. Irwin and Lawson Wimberly, assistants to the International President, and Charles Rhodes, local president. Seated: Frank J. Hittner, local business agent; International Representative Charles Scholes, and International Vice President Joseph Liggett.



The Executive Board of Local 743 at the local's banquet-dance: Harry Rhodes, J. Verne MacLean, Jay Groh, Clyde Snyder, and Russell Ludwig. A floor show followed the banquet.

## Honor Chicago Members



International Vice President Boyle, presenting 50 year pins, scrolls and wrist watches to Brother Nelson and Brother Bishoff of Local 713.

was read wishing success for the future and a cordial meeting. They were unable to attend.

A special tribute was paid to the memories of four deceased members—Herbert Leshner, Jesse Altenderfer, William Harbster and John Homrighausen.

Officers introduced by toastmaster Leinbach were: President Charles Rhodes, Vice President Clair Hollinger, Business Manager Frank Hittner, Treasurer Russell Ludwig, Recording Secretary Jay Groh, and Financial Secretary Clyde Snyder. The Examining Board includes: John Baier, Walter Diehl and Harry Dowling.

The committee in charge of arrangements for such a splendid meeting consisted of the following: Clair Hollinger, chairman; Russell Ludwig, treasurer; Harry Dowling, Frank Hittner, Harry Longanecker, Charles Rhodes, Raymond Seltzer.



## In Expanded Jurisdiction



A group of new members of Local 804 at Galt, Ont. Back row, left to right: Richard Waring; Roy Gingerich; Business Manager Marvin Antoniak; "Mac" Goodall; Clifford Wardle. Front row, left to right: John Williams; John Murphy; "Bud" Fraser, and "Jake" Turner.

Their program included the banquet, a floor show featuring the Holiday Dancers with Lee Davis as Master of Ceremonies and dancing to the music of John Weiss and his orchestra.

Brother William Higo was the photographer of the evening. We are grateful for his contribution of his pictorial talents.

We have been fortunate in having work. All the Brothers are busy. We recently completed the third unit of the Titus plant of the Metropolitan Electric Company Power House. The above mentioned company is also building a new office building and service plant. The electrical contractor is H. P. Foley. The electrical work is under the supervision of Brother William E. High at the armocast project in Birdsboro. Our business agent, Frank Hittner reports that the peak has not been reached. There are plenty of openings for our travelling I.B.E.W. Brothers on that job. One hundred men can be placed. Working conditions are of the very best.

Any Brother wishing to locate in this vicinity should get in touch with our business agent. Our rate is \$2.95, double time for all overtime.

Brother Clair Hollinger is superintending the above project with the very able assistance of Brothers J. Verne, MacLean and Emil Skusa.

JOE J. JARMOSKA, P. S.

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## Birth and Growth Of Local Recounted

L. U. 804, KITCHENER, ONT.—At our regular meeting on August 10 I was appointed press secretary. This being the first report in our

JOURNAL from this local, I will endeavor to give you a brief history of its birth and growth for the benefit of our many new members and our sister locals.

L. U. 804 was chartered in 1942 by International Representative Brother "Nig" Tracy. It was chartered as a mixed local but the public utilities were later chartered under L. U. 1187 and 804 became an inside local. Our first elected officers were as follows: President William Hannon, Vice President William Mitchell, Financial Secretary Earl Rittinger, Recording Secretary Fred Nash, Treasurer Milton Cober. The following charter members are still with the local: Brother William Hannon, Brother Norman Elmslie, Brother Russell Bunsch, Brother Henry Sosnoski, and Brother Arthur Hollatz.

During the war years wages were frozen and even with the well-established older locals, negotiations were a long, drawn-out process with the Government, so that even they received little or no wage increases, the result being that our small local had no working agreement with its employers to speak of in the early years of its formation.

In 1949 new life came into the local in the form of Brother Lloyd Brohman, who was elected president and acting business manager. Brother Brohman first started organizing the shop where he worked and then expanding out to other shops. When he had organized the larger shops our first good working agreement was negotiated. This agreement established overtime rates, reduced hours, and brought our journeyman's rate up approximately 20 cents per hour. Our membership increased

from a mere quorum to approximately 45 members.

Soon after Brother Brohman had negotiated this agreement he found that the heavy schedule of running a job for his employer, being a business manager, plus living in another city, was too much so he resigned and appointed yours truly to the position.

I think I speak for every member who was recruited by Brother Brohman, "Congratulations on a job well done."

The negotiations for our 1952 agreement brought another increase of 25 cents per hour, plus fringe gains of an additional two percent vacation pay, shorter hours, an established ratio of apprentices to journeymen, and improved overtime rates. I wish to convey to the membership of Local Union 804, that many of the gains made in these early agreements could never have been accomplished if our employers had not been fair enough to recognize our just demands. Even though we did not see eye to eye at all times, these differences were ironed out across the bargaining table. We should always consider ourselves a part of his business and his success is our success. We can best aid him by doing an honest day's work with a high degree of efficiency.

The enticement of our 1952 agreement has expanded our membership to over 150, under the able leadership of Brother Antoniak, who has taken over my work upon my assignment as an International Organizer. He has had our jurisdiction expanded to the surrounding cities of Preston, Galt, Guelph and Stratford, and our agreement has been signed with most electrical contractors in these cities. (The enclosed picture is of some of our new members from Galt.)

Brother members of L. U. 804, the foregoing progress of your local was only made by great efforts and in some instances sacrifices of the few that took part, such as your officers, Executive Board and Negotiating Committees. You can only maintain and improve these conditions by your activity. Negotiations come again in June 1954, which may seem a long way off, but your attendance at every regular monthly meeting (second Monday of every month, at 8 p.m.) will determine how successful these negotiations will be. Dues also must be paid. Your financial secretary works nine hours a day and you can make the job he is doing for you a much easier and pleasanter one if you pay your dues promptly on the first of the month. Your acting business manager, Brother Antoniak, is at your disposal, if there is some unfair condition on your job, or non members are doing your work. If these infractions are promptly re-



ported they can in most cases be eliminated. What say brothers, let's make this the best local in Ontario!

Your Entertainment Committee has a dance planned for September 18th, which will be over by the time this letter is published, but as some of our older members are to be honored by a presentation, I will be on hand and give you a report and some pictures on this in the next edition of the JOURNAL.

C. E. ANDERSON, P. S.

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## Urges All Members 'Support Blood Drive'

L. U. 835, JACKSON, TENN.—What happened to that pint of blood you were going to give??? By no means, should we stop helping the Armed Forces Blood Donor Program. We as a whole, are prone to lag when everything seems "well taken care of." Even though the war in Korea is over, there is still a need for blood plasma. We should not wait to be asked to give our little pint—we should step up to the front of the line like men and say "Take all I can give."

It seems each time yours truly writes about our local we have someone on the sick list. Brother E. E. Tate has been in the hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. We are glad to report that he is home now.

There have been several applications for membership in Local Union No. 835. Best of luck to these men.

Have you helped some unfortunate lately? This should be a paramount effort of every one of us . . . A kind word—a smile—a helping hand, can boost an unfortunate person no end. You can cuss your fellow worker (as long as he is among the fortunate ones) and you will draw a broad grin—but, when you cuss or mistreat an unfortunate person, you are only heaping fire upon fire. Try being kind and helpful for one day—I'll bet you continue each day thereafter.

Yours truly is happy to report that our men are all working. The "bench" hasn't been warm in so long, we are thinking of starting a fire under it.

Watch L. U. 835—We cover Tennessee like the dew!

J. W. GOODWIN, P. S.

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## Plans to Revise Local Insurance Plan

L. U. 886, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—The attendance at our local union meetings has shown some increase, even for summer months, but some of the railroads are still among the missing.

Some of the members are voicing dissatisfaction with the Group Sick

and Accident Insurance they are now carrying in the E.M.B.A. so we are arranging to have an insurance counselor from the union labor advisory association come to our next meeting and give us some information on group insurance that they advise.

The union shop system is now in effect on the railroads and it has made a marked difference in the increased membership but it is our hope that we also will see an increase in union meeting attendance.

With the winter months ahead let us make a resolve to try to attend the union meetings more regularly and lend moral support to our local union officers in the handling of the union affairs.

Brother Neuman, one of our older members from the Milwaukee Railroad St. Paul coach yard, is retiring this October so the local felt it would be proper to give him a going away party. The committees are looking into the matter for an early date and I hope to report more on this in my next letter.

CARL W. FRANK, P. S.

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## Install New Officers At L. A. Local 889

L. U. 889, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—The July meeting brought us the installation of the new officers. There were no drastic changes made as a result of the election. The new president, Brother Marcus W. (Bill) Hayden, will fill the bill splendidly and with the cooperation and understanding of all the members, will keep the "helm of his ship" on an even keel.

Brother Dean Watson was elected to the vice president's chair and Gardner A. Sheets was again elected as recording secretary. The financial secretary's job was unopposed and

again we have Brother Henry D. Parker who so capably has filled this position for many years. The treasurer's job was combined with Brother Parker's duties until this election. The organization voted a man whom we feel will do a very good job, Brother Albert E. Lawson. The Executive Board has two new members as a result of the election, Brothers Lee Williams and Harry MacDonald.

At this time I would like to go on record thanking the retiring President Brother C. E. Censorbox for his leadership and his untiring efforts to keep harmony and good fellowship among the members during his term of office. The number of votes in the recent election speaks for itself.

While we are on the subject of votes speaking for themselves, yes, they do. This election was handled by the Election Committee with Brother Raymond T. Finerty as chairman, a super job done in a democratic way but—was anyone interested? With a membership of over 900 there was a turnout of about one-third of the membership. How can anyone judge or attempt to judge the action of any officer or group of officers of their local, if they haven't enough interest in their organization to come to the polls and vote. It is our American way of life to voice our opinion by voting for the person or persons we think will be the best for our ideals and do the most to protect our interests. It is pretty hard for this writer to understand why only *that* one-third of the membership feel that it is important to come to the polls to vote. I hope now that the election is over, a new feeling will be injected into the members and that they will get behind the new officers with the interest and cooperation that it takes to make an organization that we all can be proud to be members of.

## Official Slate of Local 889



The 1953 officers of Local 889, Los Angeles, Calif. Left to right, top row: Vice President Dean E. Watson; Harry MacDonald, Executive Board; Treasurer Albert E. Lawson; Recording Secretary G. A. Sheets. Front row: President Marcus W. (Bill) Hayden and Financial Secretary Henry D. Parker. Brother Lee Williams was not present at the time.



At this writing, there are tentative plans being made to have a Christmas party for the children of the members of the local. This will be the first Christmas party this local has planned so we hope to make it a big success. A few of the ladies have expressed their interest concerning a Ladies Auxiliary for Local 889. It sounds like a good idea so maybe in a few months from now we will be writing about this new addition.

Again we would like to extend our best wishes to the other railroad locals and would like to hear from them from time to time.

FRANK L. CLAYTON, P. S.

## Kingsport Contract Wins 25c Boost

L. U. 934, KINGSPORT, TENN.—The smoke has cleared away and the Negotiating Committee reported to the August meeting that the new contract was signed for a 25 cent raise along with some other improvements. Negotiations were continued almost to the expiration date of the contract. Brother Paul Hicks was in there pitching and should be credited with the game. He was assisted in the later negotiations by Brother A. L. Wright of the International Office, and cheered on, throughout, by a rooting section composed of President Ralph Green, Secretary Ralph Wallen, Hugh Farar, Guy F. Dalton, and Watson Helvey.

Another honor has come our way.

Brother Ralph Wallen, one of our members of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee and instructor in the program has received a citation from the Secretary of Labor as follows:

"This is to certify that Ralph W. Wallen, a member of the Tri-Cities Area Electrical Joint Apprenticeship Committee, Kingsport, Tennessee, has given unsparingly of his time and energy in fulfillment of the many duties performed by a member of a joint apprenticeship committee. In so doing, he has rendered a valuable service to the trade, his community, and to his nation.

"Given this seventh day of August, 1953.

"Signed W. F. Paterson, Director of Bureau of Apprenticeship. Martin P. Durkin, Secretary of Labor."

This is the first such award ever received by a craftsman in Tennessee. Another member of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee who has been a big factor in its success, and has given freely of his time and experience is J. B. Cobb, one of the contractors' members.

Things are running smoothly for L. U. 934. All our members are working and we are fortunate in having especially well-qualified and hard-working officers. Members of the Executive Board who have been giving their talents and lots of their time to a tough job are Harry Daniels, chairman, Thurston P. Hooker, Roy (Buck) Doran, Dent K. (Stoney) Galloway, Claude D. Bullis, Joe Shelton, and John H. Cole, a new member.

WATSON HELVEY, P. S.

## Honored by Labor Secretary



Brother Ralph Wallen of Local 934, Kingsport, Tenn., receives a certificate of Meritorious Service from Martin P. Durkin, Secretary of Labor, presented by Mr. Earl Lingar, left, a Department representative, in the presence of Mr. Paul J. Moore, center, City Director of Vocational Training. Mr. Wallen is a member of the Local's Apprentice Committee.

## Hydro Plant Closed In Labor Dispute

L. U. 976, PRYOR, OKLA.—A labor dispute which has been brewing for several years finally erupted into a complete shutdown of the Grand River Dam Authority's Hydro-plant at Langley and the Chouteau steam plant near Pryor, on July 21. Affected were some 35,000 farm homes, the Goodrich Rubber Plant at Miami, the Douglas Aircraft Factory near Tulsa, the Certainteed and National Gypsum paper plants near Pryor and some nine or 10 towns and cities. Service was restored in a few hours and connecting power systems absorbed the additional load.

For several years L. U. 976 has been striving to obtain a contract or agreement with the Authority, with no success, the Authority contending they could not legally sign a contract with a labor union. However, in 1949, the Oklahoma legislature enacted a law enabling the GRDA to bid against private utilities for a steam plant, located at the wartime Oklahoma Ordnance Works. After a bitter battle with the private utilities, the GRDA was the winner and acquired ownership of the steam plant to firm up its hydro plant. One paragraph of the 1949 law states that the Authority . . . "is hereby authorized to exercise the following powers, rights and privileges \* \* \* To appoint officers, agents, and employees, to prescribe their duties and to fix their compensation; and to enter into contract with labor unions, provided, that contracts with labor unions shall not abrogate the rights of the District to cooperate and carry out Veterans On-The-Job Training."

The union maintains that this paragraph gives the Authority the right to sign a contract. The GRDA board insists it does not mean what it says and told a union Negotiating Committee, assisted by Art Edwards, of Ft. Worth, they would not sign a contract.

This was on July 20, and followed a long period of negotiation which began early in March, 1953, when the State Commissioner of Labor had been given a 60-day notice of our intention to strike unless our dispute was given to a State or Federal Mediation board. The union wished to allow the Federal Mediation and Conciliation service to arbitrate the dispute but the five-man Board of Directors, appointed by the Governor to handle all GRDA business, refused to recognize any authority which might have averted the shut-down.

On July 21, shortly before 8:00 a.m., employees of GRDA began taking generating equipment off the lines and preparing for a safe, methodical shut-down before leaving the company's properties. This was accom-



plished and not one dollar's worth of mechanical damage resulted. All personnel was off the GRDA premises by noon of July 21, except a few "Brothers" who elected to stay on their jobs.

"No picketing" and "no strike" injunctions were filed, the National Guard was alerted, the Highway Patrol was dispatched to the scene and 18 members of L. U. 976 were hauled into court for disobeying the court order, although the plants were down long before the injunctions were served and the pickets were removed as soon as they could be reached.

On July 22, after a hearing in the Mayes County District Court of Josh Evans, Judge Evans upheld his restraining order ordering members of 976 not to picket and ordering us to return to work, threatening "contempt of court" if we did not do so, but modifying the restraining order to read that no one could be forced to return to work against his will, and holding the temporary injunction over until September 14, when the matter of a permanent injunction would be taken up. He declared we had no right to strike, consequently the union issued an order ending the strike but not a single member chose to return to work.

Meantime, an appeal was made to the Oklahoma Supreme Court on the grounds that Judge Evans had overstepped his jurisdiction in issuing an injunction ordering us back to work and asking a writ of prohibition against the lower court. Since this was the first time this Authority had ever been cited in a labor dispute, the Supreme Court refused to accept jurisdiction by a vote of 5 to 3, and ordered the case back to the lower court.

On Wednesday, July 29, the members voted to accept a recommendation of the Negotiating Committee and return to work, awaiting the outcome of their case in the courts. We are still involved in a labor dispute and seek to have the "no strike—no picket" restraining order removed.

The Governor of Oklahoma, Johnston Murray, gave a radio address Friday, July 24, over radio station KVOO in Tulsa, accusing the union of sabotage, violence and acts which "decent people would not commit," also telling the radio audience that the tax payers paid our salaries.

Tuesday, July 28, Frank Grayson, county attorney of Mayes County, a staunch friend of labor, replied to Governor Murray. He denied there were any acts of violence or sabotage and proved the governor incorrect in his statements that the salaries were paid by taxpayers. He said salaries were paid out of the profits of the sale of power, just like any other utility.

The union has indeed been fortunate in having A. E. Edwards, Inter-

national representative, of Ft. Worth, Texas, to assist and advise through all of our negotiations. His efforts have been tireless and he has been on the job night and day since this dispute started. Our legal counsel, Charles W. Schoerwke, of Oklahoma City, is recognized as one of the outstanding labor attorneys in the Midwest and we feel that with these men assisting us we will emerge victorious. To date, we must mark time until the courts have made their decisions—and our only hope in the future is to vote for the candidates who prove themselves to be "friends of labor."

FRANK ESSEX, P. S.

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## R. I. Local Installs New Official Slate

L. U. 1029, WOONSOCKET, R. I.—At our last regular meeting we had installation of officers and these good union members were installed: President Kenneth Walsh, Vice President Lucien Hubert, Recording Secretary Daniel Forestal, Financial Secretary Edward Wyspianski, Treasurer William Fish and Business Manager Michael Dolinski.

Our Executive Board comprises Walsh, Forestal, Oliver L'Heureux, Wyspianski, Robert Dunne, Raymond Guemont and Hubert. On the Examining Board are John Cote, Don Forestal and Edward Tyler. Russell Mowry, one of our past presidents, was the installing officer. Congratulations and good luck to all of you for the next two years.

Our Negotiating Committee is still meeting with the contractors and reports to date are not so good for our members.

A committee is soon to be named for a reception to honor one of our retiring charter members, Ralph Nutting, our past financial secretary who did such a fine job for all those 33 years and also to honor his son Herbert for being the business agent of Local 1029 for 28 years. To both of them many thanks for a job well done and plenty of luck in their new endeavors.

## NOTICE

L. U. 98, Philadelphia, needs men—40-hour week—\$3.50 per hour. Contact Business Manager William J. Middleton, 1807 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, 30, Pa. Telephone Rittenhouse 6-2274.

Before I close, I'd appreciate it very much if our fellow Brothers who only attend their meetings once in a long while would show a little more union spirit and attend the meetings more often, for their first hand information and also to help their local when that help is needed. With your help, suggestions and ideas, plus your attendance, I'm sure we'd all benefit by it. So come on you Brother members, let's see your faces at our meetings from now on.

ED WYSPIANSKI, P. S.

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## Amicable Settlement Of Florida Contract

L. U. 1062, ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.—Well it has been a long time since you people have had the pleasure of reading about 1062 but our intentions have been the best.

We finished our negotiations in three sessions this year thanks to International Representative J. E. Thompson, G. X. Barker, our International Vice President and J. B. Pate.

The company was in a generous mood. Then again maybe we didn't ask for enough. They only refused two items which we requested. We attempted to insert a "maintenance of membership" clause which the company declined, but did agree to give each new employee when he is hired, a copy of the contract and a letter explaining that the I.B.E.W. is the exclusive bargaining representative of the employee. We believe this is a step toward our goal.

The local held election of officers in June and all offices were filled with new people with the exception of the president. The past officers did a wonderful job and the local progressed considerably under their leadership. Here's hoping that within the next two years we will progress even further.

Hats off to Mrs. Irene Goddard for her help in making the traffic department of the Peninsular Telephone Company in St. Petersburg, Florida 100 percent union membership.

MARGARET P. LONG,  
for the Negotiating Committee.

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## Describes Purpose Of Social Fund

L. U. 1073, AMBRIDGE, PA.—The Social Fund which was passed at two monthly meetings has been questioned by some of those who did not attend the meetings, as to the purpose and who will benefit. Nobody benefits, and the purpose of the 25 cents monthly increase is for the benefit of all the membership for social gatherings. This will be noticed as time goes on



and the fund increases, and social gatherings are made more enjoyable.

Did you attend the National Electric picnic at Kennywood Park? If you did not, then you missed a good time. The day was beautiful, and the children had plenty of free tickets, cracker jack, noise makers and hats. Also, the B.A.R.E., our hospitalization plan, gave every member a chance for a free prize. Awarded were five Black Angus rotisseries, five deep fat fryers, five Westinghouse sandwich grills, five Toastmasters, one television set, a 21-inch console, which was won by Harry G. Eberhardt from the carpenter shop, and a Westinghouse electric automatic washer and dryer, first prize, was won by Katharine E. Lewellen from the light, heat and power division. Among the winners there were two from Wiesman Fitting Company, also I.B.E.W. members.

Walter Kleemook, Executive Board member, says he never was lucky until he was married lately. At his first meeting as Executive Board member, he won the \$5.00 door prize. A few of his friends kept one eye on Brother Kleemook to make sure he would not beat it for home after the meeting, as he claimed that he has to be home pronto. But Brother Kleemook did his share. He bought the boys some drinks.

George Gallagher was elected as steward from the stranding department—Walter Kleemook was the former steward. And Jack McCarrell was elected to represent the shipping department where James Koury was the former steward.

Sisters and Brothers of Harmony Township, this election on November 3rd don't forget to reelect Brother John Sieminski Democratic candidate for tax assessor. To keep your taxes as low as they are you must reelect Brother Sieminski. A former local union president and a delegate to the convention, Brother Sieminski will appreciate your support.

Steve Altounian won the election as an Executive Board member. In the last issue of the ELECTRICAL WORKERS JOURNAL you probably read where at the time of that writing we did not know if Brother Altounian resigned as Executive Board member or not. Brother Altounian said he did not put his resignation in writing, so he felt it his duty to accept the job and work with the men and for the good of the union. We are glad to have you with us Brother Altounian. Of course, the local never had any difficulty regarding an Executive Board member or any other member—the last election proved this, there were 22 good candidates seeking the job and only seven were needed.

Cliff Bender, our financial secretary, would like to thank everyone personally since he was unopposed on the ticket for reelection. Brother

## Providence Picnic



Members of Local 1242, Providence, R. I., pose at their annual outing: Left to right, kneeling: John Gardner and James White. Standing: Mrs. Harriet Whale, Mrs. Marie Voyer, president; Mrs. Fanny Rocchio, secretary, and Mrs. Diana Kay.

Bender was in great favor for the job by all members, for the good work he does. You will find him at the Prince Theatre Building from eight-thirty a.m. to five p.m., Monday through Friday.

Shirley Moore, from New Brighton High graduates was selected with highest honors for the \$1,000 four-year full tuition scholarship at the Central Labor Council.

Since the election, and John Deyber became the new local union president, some union members would like to know who are the appointed officers besides the ones that were elected. If you come to the monthly meeting you will notice that the doormen appointed are James Bartolo, Mike Durbin and Mike Frynkewiez. Delegates to Central Labor Council are Patsy Vellano, who is well known throughout the plant, Jerry Stawski, John Mellott and John Deyber, our local president who lives in Beaver Falls where the Central Labor Council holds its meetings.

Reappointed as press secretary or shall we say union reporter who has his ears open for any news? That's me, John Gozur, from the rubber mill department. So if you have any news, I will be just too glad to have it printed in our union news column. Let's cooperate and find out what's new among us members.

JOHN GOZUR, P. S.

## Annual Outing of Providence Local 1242

L. U. 1242, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—The General Insulated Wire Company, Local 1242 of 69 Gordon Ave., Providence, Rhode Island held its annual outing at Duby's Grove on Saturday August 15th, 1953.

Mrs. Fanny Rocchio was chairman with her committee as follows: Tic-

kets, Mrs. Diana Kay, Mrs. Marie Voyer; Sports, Mrs. Harriet Whale, Mr. John Gardner and Mr. James White.

After a delicious lunch was served at one p.m. races were scheduled and were won by the following:

Men's 100-Yard Dash—first, Mr. Angelo Rainone and second, Mr. Chick Rainone.

Ladies 50-Yard Dash—first, Miss Joan Taylor and second, Miss Barbara Rocchio.

Men's Sack Race—first Mr. Chick Rainone, and second, Mr. Dick Hamblin.

Three Legged Race—first, Miss Dorothy Ruggle and Eddie Dufresne, second, Mr. James Canneino and Mr. William Flagan.

While the men were having their ball game, the ladies played bingo and a most enjoyable time was being had by all until a thunderstorm came and interrupted the fun. At five p.m. the clambake was served and enjoyed by an attendance of 200 members and guests. Dancing concluded another happy event.

HARRIET WHALE,  
Committee Member

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## Present Demands to Pacific Gas & Electric

L. U. 1245, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—Negotiations are now in progress for a number of bargaining units coming within the jurisdiction of L. U. 1245.

The union's committee has completed the presentation of our demands to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, and is now awaiting a written counter-proposal from this huge utility firm. Several municipal groups in Northern California are also engaged in wage and condition talks with our union committees. The settlements achieved thus far have met with the overwhelming approval of the membership involved.

Our agreement with the California-Nevada Line Constructors Chapter of the N.E.C.A. has been renewed for another year. A 25 percent shift differential for maintenance work has been agreed to, and the employers will now make a seven and one-half cent hourly contribution per employee to a Health and Welfare Fund. The joint committees are now seeking the best possible insurance coverage for their money.

The local has been represented at a number of labor conventions during recent weeks. Delegates were in attendance at the Annual Convention of the Nevada State Federation of Labor, the California State Federation of Labor and the California State Electrical Workers Conference. The latter group honored our union by electing Business Man-



## In Local 1306 Jurisdiction



At left, is the Hennepin power station of the Illinois Power Company, on the Illinois River near Hennepin, Ill., in the jurisdiction of Local 1306 of Decatur. An aerial view is seen at right of the Wood River power station of Illinois Power, near Wood River, Ill., on the Mississippi.



Illinois Power's Havana power station on the Illinois River near Havana, Ill.

ager Ronald T. Weakley to their State Executive Board.

A number of I.B.E.W. local union representatives were fortunate enough to be invited to spend a day at Stanford University at Palo Alto, California recently, to hear International Secretary Milne address a conference of management representatives from all over the Nation. Needless to say, Brother Milne delivered an outstanding address, forthrightly answered all questions put to him, and was lauded as the most interesting and able speaker of the conference!

The period August 17th to 31st, according to our agreement with the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, is an "escape period" during which any member may terminate his union membership. The tiny trickle of members who have resigned from the union during this period is indicative of the pride our members have in their union and its able administration. In fact, the loss of members has been offset by a concentrated drive on the part of business representatives and shop stewards for new members during this period.

We are confident that this significant re-affirmation of faith in the I.B.E.W. will be rewarded by better working conditions and an improved relationship with the employer.

The union's Executive Board, increasingly concerned about the dark days which appear to be ahead on the political and legislative fronts, voted to affiliate with the California Labor League for Political Education. Funds collected through per capita taxes by this outstanding organization are used primarily to help elect labor's friends to state offices. The voluntary contributions, now being collected all over our jurisdiction, are the funds used to support our friends who seek federal offices. The local hopes that a substantial sum will be collected from our politically-conscious members to be used for this worthwhile purpose.

The fifth issue of our monthly newspaper, *THE UTILITY REPORTER*, is now being prepared. All reports indicate that our paper, a standard tabloid size, is being read with interest by members all over the jurisdiction. We will be happy

to send a copy to any local union which is interested in this means of communication with its members.

GEORGE L. RICE, P. S.

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### Illinois Power Co. Holds Open House

**L. U. 1306, DECATUR, ILL.**—On June 19, 20 and 21, 1953, an open house was held at the Illinois Power Company's new power station located on the Illinois River near Hennepin, Illinois. More than a hundred representatives of the company and contracting and manufacturing concerns were on hand to act as guides and to explain the operation of the plant to the more than 8,000 visitors making the tour.

The site of the Hennepin station was selected because of its close proximity to an abundance of water and coal in the area and to provide additional capacity to serve the growing needs of the northern division properties of the company. Construction of the Hennepin plant was begun in May, 1950, and completed in June, 1953. The station has been constructed to



house two units, the second to be added when additional capacity is needed. The first unit is now in operation with a net output capability of 75,000 KW.

The Hennepin power station is the newest of three generating stations to be built by the Illinois Power Company in the past few years. The first was the Havana power station located on the Illinois River near Havana, Illinois. Construction on this station was started in July, 1945, and completed when the fifth unit was placed in operation in June, 1950. The Havana station has a net output capability of 252,000 KW and provides power for the company's central division properties as well as to the other divisions of the company, when needed, through interconnection. Construction of the second plant—the Wood River power station on the Mississippi River near Wood River, Illinois—was started in 1947 to take care of the power requirements of the company's southern division properties, and as was planned in the others, it was designed for future expansion. The third unit was placed in operation in October, 1950, which gave the station a net output capability of 158,000 KW. Another 100,000 KW unit in this plant is scheduled for operation by the end of 1953. When completed, this unit will bring the combined net output capability of the three new generating stations to around 585,000 KW. But with even this, the need of additional capacity to meet the growing demands for power became apparent to the company and construction of a fourth generating station has been started near Danville, Illinois, to serve the east central territory. This will be known as the Vermilion power station. The first 75,000 KW unit of this station is scheduled for completion in 1954. In addition to the new power stations, appurtenant substations and transmission lines, and a new power dispatching center building has been erected in Decatur, which city is the hub of the company's power system as well as the general offices of the company. From this building the flow of power is directed throughout the entire system as well as transfers of energy to neighboring utilities.

All this has been accomplished since 1944 when a long range construction program was planned by Mr. Allen Van Wyck, President of Illinois Power Company, and his associates. In marked contrast is the present financial and physical condition of the company compared to that in 1940, so much so that the Illinois Power Company, in fact, is a new company. From a distributor of purchased power at that time, it is now an operating company serving its customers from its own generating facilities through a vast network or interconnected transmission system. In 1946 the company had 75 miles of 138

KV line in operation, but at the present time it has nearly 850 miles. Through the years of this construction program further expansion was made in substations, transmission and distribution systems. At present the company has 22 miles of 230 KV and over 750 miles of 69 KV transmission lines and a constant rebuilding of distribution systems is in progress. The company serves more rural customers than any other utility in the State. From this resume of the construction program now in progress, it can readily be seen that much time and effort have been spent in financing and engineering these many projects.

Last year the Illinois Power Company, Central Illinois Public Service Company and the Union Electric Company, three neighboring utilities, entered into an agreement whereby their electric systems would be operated interconnected and in parallel, making available to each of the participating companies any or all of the reserve generating capacity that may exist in any of the three systems. This arrangement provided additional capacity as a protection against such major breakdowns as transmission line failures or generating station trouble, greatly reducing the probability of serious or prolonged interruptions of service. These three companies own 80 per cent of the stock in the Electric Energy, Inc. plant near Joppa, Illinois, and are linked to this plant by a 230 KV transmission line. Control of this widespread system is effected with automatic tie-line and telemetering equipment, using wire lines, power line carrier and micro-wave radio as means of communication.

The employees of the Illinois Power Company, as members of IBEW Local Unions 1306 (clerical) and 51 (physical), are proud of the parts they play in the construction and operation of the new generating stations and other facilities of the Company.

W. L. EMMONS, P.S.

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## Members Affected By Staff Reduction

L. U. 1383, BALTIMORE, MD.—It is with great distress that I write this very disappointing news of the yard activities at Curtis Bay. It is my duty to write the news be it good or bad and this one happens to be a sad one. The powers that be saw fit to cut the yard appropriation to the tune of over three million dollars, necessitating the reduction-in-force orders which affected our members as well as the rest of the yard. And for some of our good Brothers who must go back to work with tools again, oh Brother, what a hectic time! As for the separated employee, your scribe again says, as I've said over and over, the construction field is a big

one for those who know how to use their heads. How about that!

The recent meeting was fairly well attended by the faithful devotees. Financial Secretary Horace Buckley and Brother John Lehane were elected delegates to the I.B.E.W. Progress Meeting to be held in Cleveland, Ohio.

Brother C. H. Irwin announces he is leaving the coast guard yard as of August 21 to take up new duties as electrical inspector of construction with the Army Engineer Corps. We do hope the new assignment does not interfere with his duty as chairman of our Executive Board.

In concluding this report, Brothers Michael Matcovitch, Charles Isaacson, Robert Bendler, who is better known for his haw! haw! haw! laughter, and Charles Stewart all send their Labor Day greetings to all the Brothers in 1383 I.B.E.W.

REUBEN SEARS, P. S.

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## Rousing Success of Pa. Bowling League

L. U. 1402, PITTSBURGH, PA.—Steel City Elec. Company Men's Bowling League of Local 1402 will be the main topic for this month's JOURNAL.

What a league it turned out to be. Forty members signed up to bowl at the very beginning, but as each week rolled by and the good times during bowling and after were related, there was quite a waiting list of those wishing to bowl if one of the Brothers had to drop out. But just two members had to drop out when they were shifted to a different turn in the plant.

Four get-togethers were held during the course of the season, with dinner and refreshments being served at each of these parties. Now who could ask for anything more? But the grand finale was the very fine banquet held at the Roosevelt Hotel for the members and their wives. Dinner, dancing, refreshments and a very wonderful floor show rounded out the evening's entertainment. Fred Dietz, president of the league is the one person who was responsible for the good times enjoyed by all during the 1952-1953 bowling season, so to you Freddy, hearty thanks and may the 1953-1954 season be just as successful.

Here are some of the final standings.

Bob Hubbard was tops with a 146.3 average.

Johnny Kuckinkas was runner up with 142.6.

Individual high—1 game—"Buzz" Crawford, 231.

Individual high—3 games—"Buzz" Schwartz, 558.

Team high—1 game—John Kuckinkas, 646.



Team high—3 games—Art Sieffert, 1750.

I would like to correct an error in the August issue concerning one of our top men. He has been with our organization from its very beginning. We all know him for his work as a foreman and group leader. At the present time he is in complete charge of the Transportation Department, and not a material handler as I stated in the August issue. Sorry, Dick. Please forgive.

Thought in closing.

With vacations gone out over the hills,

It's knuckle down and pay those bills.

"BUZZ" SCHWARTZ, P. S.

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## Brother J. N. Gorrell Honored in Joplin

L. U. 1474, JOPLIN, MO.—On July 24, 1953, the members of L. U. No. 1474 of Joplin, gathered at the Connor Hotel in that city, to honor Brother J. N. Gorrell of Webb City, Missouri, who was celebrating 50 years of membership in our Brotherhood.

The celebration took the form of a banquet, the highlight of which was the presentation by Eleventh District International Vice President Frank Jacobs, of a diamond-studded 50-year pin and commemorative scroll to Brother Gorrell. At that time Brother Jacobs gave a most interesting talk, telling something of the history of our union and also something of the life history of the guest of honor, who with others like him, were the chief instruments by which our Brotherhood has been brought to the place of strength and number it occupies today. Other International Representatives present were Edward T. Hook, Carl Mitchel and Elmer C. Kelly of the Eleventh District.

Mr. D. C. McKee, president and General Manager of the Empire District Electric Company of Joplin, Missouri was our guest speaker on "Progress in the Electrical Industry."

At the opening of our program, an invocation was given by the Reverend A. E. Schmeiser of the Bethany Presbyterian Church of Joplin, Missouri.

Following the banquet which was much enjoyed by all present, entertainment was furnished by the Voltaires Quartet of Pittsburg, Kansas.

WILLIAM R. CAIRNS, R. S.

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## Local 1505 Spearheads Legislative Resolutions

L. U. 1505, NEWTON, WALTHAM, QUINCY, BEDFORD, ALLSTON, BRIGHTON, BOSTON, BROCKTON, WATERTOWN, SOMERVILLE, MASS.—This active local, with an

## Banquet Ends Bowling Season



A banquet was staged by Local 1402, Pittsburgh, Pa., to conclude their highly successful Bowling League season. Some of the guests and the head table are seen above. Fred Dietz, president of the League, addresses the assembled guests, below.



all-time high number of 25 delegates at the Massachusetts Federation of Labor convention in Springfield, gained for itself a great deal of goodwill by spearheading a group of legislative resolutions at the conclave.

Although all were not approved, still, our initiative caused other labor unions in the state to sit up and take notice of our progress.

Approved was our resolution that voting machines be used in all future elections held by conventions. Referred to the Executive Council, after being reported favorably by the Grievance Committee, was our strong resolution condemning raids by our sister AFL union, the International Association of Machinists, on Local 1505 at Raytheon.

Our resolution seeking to have the Federation put the position of legal counsel on an elective basis was defeated. Also sent down the drain was our resolution asking that the reverse procedure of calling the roll of delegates for nominations be used. By the time the roll call gets down to "Waltham," that's us, the strong "Boston" unions have the nominations already sewed up, we have discovered.

Kenneth J. Kelley, again returned

to office as the MFL legislative agent, hit a responsive chord in certain Local 1505 delegates when he pointed out that "Labor is in politics, not out of choice, but out of sheer necessity. It is about time we displayed the political maturity and effectiveness of which we are capable," he said. Many Local 1505 observers feel that had we been allowed to have qualified persons represent us on Beacon Hill during the recent legislature sessions we might have had the "Working Mothers' Bill" favorably acted upon.

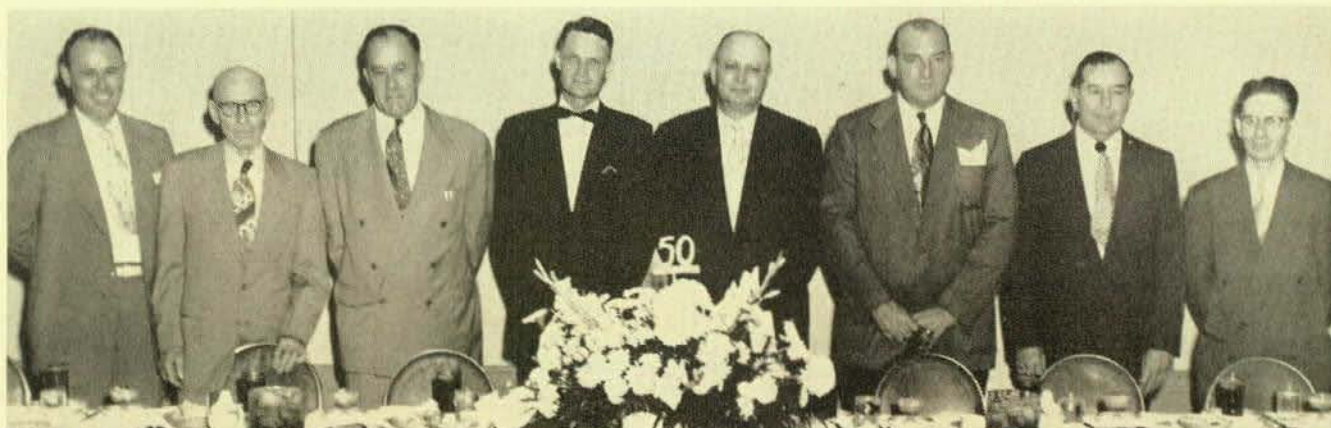
President David J. Coady, Jr., in his first attempt to knock over some of the long-established barnacles on the Federation scene, made a good impression in his bid for the vice-presidency of the Fourth District. No high-pressure tactics were used but a sound, factual information program was carried out by hard-working supporters which was highlighted by illustrated cards outlining his background and capabilities.

Tickets are at a premium for the Archbishop Cushing testimonial by labor to be held in October at the Boston Garden. The local was allotted 500 tickets to sell.

The Catholic Labor Guild, for the



## Banquet for 50-Year Veteran



Local 1474, Joplin, Mo., staged a gala banquet as a proper setting to award recognition to Brother J. N. Gorrell for his 50 years of continuous local membership. Posing at the head table are: International Representative Edward T. Hook; Brother Gorrell of Webb City, Mo.; 11th District Vice President Frank Jacobs; Local President DeVaughn Riley; D. C. McKee, president and general manager, Empire District Electric Co.; International Representatives Elmer Kelley and Carl Mitchel, and A. E. Schmeiser, Pastor of the Bethany Presbyterian Church.



International Vice President Frank Jacobs of the 11th District extends congratulations to Brother J. N. Gorrell on his 50 years of unionism.

second year, will sponsor a labor school for the advancement of Christian ethics in the labor movement. Last year the local sent 11 members to take part in the course and this year will send 25, proving the value of the course. Site of the school this year will be the old Boston College High School in Boston, and, added to the regular labor subjects, are public speaking, trade union practices and economics. Tuition is an easy three dollars for the semester and sessions start October 8 for about 10 weeks.

If you've ever wondered how popular Joe Dever, shop steward and facile

fabricator of *Scope* feature stories, won his mark in the writing world, be sure to tune in to the Catholic Hour on Sunday morning television in mid-October. His powerful story, "Fifty Missions," will be given the top-drawer treatment by a group of competent actors and actresses. The same story can be read in its original form in the current "Best From Yank."

Extensive alterations have been made to the local's accounting department involving a glass window in the connecting door and new wooden filing cabinets.

Ethel B. Sprow, formerly of 3152, was promoted to private first class in the WACS. She is stationed at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, where she has charge of listing the errant AWOL's and has taken part in camp shows. Last year she was a featured singer in the local's minstrel show.

Another former member of the minstrel show, Ann Dean of 4420, was fatally injured in an auto accident recently in Providence, R. I.

Already underway is much activity in the underground which points toward a very interesting campaign for the 1954 election of officers for the local.

On a recent Monday morning a pile of pamphlets was found in the parking lot at the Quincy No. 2 plant. The printed material, signed by the Massachusetts Communist Party, called on labor to defend the treasonable act for which the Rosenbergs died in the electric chair. An alert union member contacted the Boston office of the FBI. Members who spot similar pamphlets are asked to call the FBI at Li. 2-5533.

Of late the local's Sunday meetings have proven quite interesting. Members are urged to attend these important and informative sessions and obtain at first hand the methods by which a progressive union is operated.

Raytheon reported that its net earnings had doubled for the fiscal year. Many members, before this news was released, had the feeling that wholesale layoffs were about due. But then they read the *Raytheon News* which headlined the fact that Raytheon gave away six Cadillacs, featured a cocktail party and banquet, spotlighted Louis Armstrong and his band, and hired Edward Arnold as master of ceremonies for the big show in Chicago for 1500 television dealers.

JOSEPH R. VALLELY, P. S.



## Members of Local 1505 Relax



Sitting in the sun, counting the cards at Navy Spares are these members of Local 1505, Newton, Mass., seated, from left: Ralph R. Gaudette, Joseph D. Daigle, Frank Murphy, Thomas A. McKinnon, and Harry Murphy. Standing: Francis J. O'Reilly and Frank J. Mirabite.



Mrs. Ruth Carney, Executive Board member of Local 1505 and mother of five, was chosen to draw the winning names for the Union Label prize contest at the 67th annual convention of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor at Springfield.

### Hanson Member is Acclaimed as Artist

L. U. 1514, HANSON, MASS.—We expect, in the future, that collectors will be negotiating for the purchase

of one of our ovens, therewith to build a shrine in the memory of James J. Carey the famous artist, who is now a burner at the Hanson Enameling Company but lately here at Wheelers.

Jimmy has been invited by the Kiln Club of Washington, D. C. to exhibit his porcelain enamel paintings at the Smithsonian Institute on September 4th to 27th. Good going, Jimmy. Won't we all be claiming you as a relative soon?

Mickey and Charlie Alpert are receiving congratulations upon the birth of their first grandson. Charlie would like to have as abundant a crop of hair, but we advise him to teach the child that he isn't bald-headed, just a highbrow.

Our sympathy, Angelo, both feet are necessary to complete comfort. Angelo sprained a ligament and will be laid up for a time.

Stanley Bearse, one of our service men has recently arrived in Korea.

Mary Melaney is recovering from a broken knee which caused her hospitalization for awhile.

We miss Thurman Hammond. He is ill at his home in Whitman and it will be some time before he returns. Those racks are heavy, and we suspect his illness is the result of too much push and not enough pull.

Helena has asked the Oracle (me) what it means to dream of black cats. M-m-m I'd say in her case it means too much high living at the Hobomoc Inn.



Jennie Janerico, Local 1505 member, knew how to beat the recent heat wave. Here the comely mother of two picks grapes from her backyard vineyard. She is employed at Raytheon's Bemis plant.



Untidy condition of Waltham cafeteria recently caused privilege of its use by weekend workers to be withdrawn by the company.

Avis Pierce and Jim Shay's wife are at hospitals for operative treatment. We are wishing them speedy recovery.

Business has made it necessary to put on a second shift in the enamel room. Percy Brown, Jr. has been taken from the machine shop to fill his former place as lead man and Ernie Ruel has transferred from the paint shop to work on the ovens.

Five merit raises have been given the past month and we are sure they were well deserved.

Carmen Carr has transferred to



## Local 1710 Touch-Plate Workers



In front of the company's main building, members of Local 1710, employed by Touch-Plate Manufacturing Company are: (seated, from left) Dorothy Larson, Clastine Hagan, Irene Manley, Dorothy O'Blennis, and Leona Botts. Back row: Julia Brooks, Dorothy Luckie, Pauline Mosley, Ruth McBride, Eleanor Rauch, and Anna Meyer.



Members pose before a Touch-Plate display. From left, front row: Ruth McBride, Dorothy Larson, Dorothy Luckie, Anna Meyer, Julia Brooks, and Leona Botts. Back row: Pauline Mosley, Irene Manley, Clastine Hagan, Eleanor Rauch, and Dorothy O'Blennis.

the assembly department in building "B" and we in Building "A" will miss her at work.

We wonder why the exact number of union members in the United States cannot be reported. Why are the figures "9,000,000 AFL members (or thereabouts)" and "5,000,000 CIO members or about that," instead of the exact numbers? Should this be a secret?

And while we are worrying about the hydrogen bomb being in the possession of Russia, watch out for Louis the Chemist.

A final report to my fellow members—Whereas I at first stumped around, and then for awhile pegged it, now I can say the hoofing is wonderful.

"There is a plan far greater than the plan you see;

There is a landscape broader than the one you know."

VERDA M. LANE, P. S.

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### Union Shop Moves To Larger Quarters

L. U. 1710, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—

More work for wiremen in the residential field is in prospect with the announcement by one of our 100 per cent I.B.E.W. shops that it is moving into larger quarters.

The plant is the Touch-Plate Manufacturing Corporation, now at 1766 Seabright Avenue, Long Beach, California, and the product is the low voltage "path of light" switching system. The Touch-Plate agreement has just been renewed (with a substantial

wage increase), and as the company has made it a habit to cut any profit melon along about Christmas, employees are anxiously counting the days until the Jolly Old Gentleman drives up in his new electric sleigh (low voltage controlled, of course).

We are particularly interested in Touch-Plate for a number of reasons. For one thing, during the past several years many of our most experienced wiremen have been telling us that Touch-Plate has really "got something" and that one of these days it will reach "big time." And another thing—the Touch-Plate idea was pioneered by a group of Local Union 11 members and the shop has been 100 percent I.B.E.W. from the start. Now that they have developed a product that looks to us like about the first "revolutionary" development in residential electrical work in several years, other companies have entered the field and have done considerable national advertising. TOUCH-PLATE IS THE ONLY ONE OPERATING UNDER 100 PERCENT I.B.E.W. CONDITIONS.

And now a little bit about the operational part of the system. The electrical principles involved in low-voltage switch wiring are not new. Provisions for remote-control, low-voltage switching have been included in the National Electrical Code for years. The idea is that a small relay coil does the actual "work" of switching line current on and off. As shown in the accompanying illustration, a gang box, up in the attic, contains the relays and transformers. No. 18 AWG runs to the switches, without being carried in conduit or armor. The housewife can be wading in a pool of water around the laundry tub and still turn the current on or off with perfect safety.

Aside from the safety angle, low voltage control makes it possible to turn electricity on or off from any of a number of places around the house; to have the equivalent of a number of three or four way switches without the attendant expense. What the wireman gets in the installation of extra outlets is more than made up to the home builder in the smaller amount of material used per additional outlet.

For the convenience of wiremen who haven't worked in areas where Touch-Plate has been introduced, we are asking the JOURNAL to reproduce a wiring diagram which comes with each unit, and also a cut of a master panel which provides a central point where the housewife can see which lights are on. The picture showing the lady's elbow demonstrates how you just touch a plate to turn a light on or off.

(Editor's Note: Sorry, these cuts would not reproduce in the JOURNAL. We hope to secure



*glossy prints from L. U. 1710 and publish them in a future issue.)*

In closing, let us again remind JOURNAL readers that Touch-Plate is the only low-voltage control unit in its field that carries the I.B.E.W. label. And to you ladies: If we haven't sold you on Touch-Plate by this time, we might add that Art Linkletter, of radio and television fame, has for some time been the major stockholder and is now president of the company.

BRICE WORLEY, P. S.

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## Attendance Doubled At Earlville Meets

L. U. 1819, EARLVILLE, ILL.—Since I wrote the JOURNAL last we have all returned to work from vacation, got a nickle raise and have just about doubled our attendance at our regular meetings.

The committee was in negotiations a comparatively short time. We had hoped for a 10 cent raise, but if we reach our new goal this fall the other 5 cents may follow. We made another step forward today with a production of 1,100 motors.

The boost in attendance is probably due to the fact that we changed from afternoon meetings to evening meetings during the summer with a social hour following the business.

We had an informal party after the July meeting, something new, and the committee is planning a more formal affair for sometime later this fall, to which we may invite the husbands and wives of the members and the members of our management. We believe this will help to cement good relations between labor and management.

The membership is also attempting to print a monthly bulletin which may help to increase interest in union affairs. There has been a very definite lack of interest in union affairs among our workers.

However, there has been an increasing spirit of cooperation among us, which needless to say helps working conditions very much and adds to individual production and increased incomes for all of us.

Until next time,

DARLINE SCHEFFER, P. S.

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## Poem Introduces Denver Local 1823

L. U. 1823, DENVER, COLO.—As a first literary effort from a new Local Union, No. 1823, I am sending the following and it seems that it might be appropriate at any time.

"Wherever you're working—in office or shop,  
And however far you may be from the top—  
And though you may think, you're  
just treading the mill,  
Don't ever belittle the job that you fill.

"For however little your job may appear—  
You're just as important as some little gear,  
That meshes with others in some big machine,  
That helps keep it going—though never is seen.

"They could do without you—we'll have to admit,  
But business keeps on, when the big fellows quit,  
And always remember, my lad, if you can,  
The job's more important (Oh, Yes) than the man.

"So if you hope to stay off the shelf,  
Think more of your job, than you do of yourself.  
Your job is important—don't think it is not—  
So try hard to give it, the best that you've got.

"And don't ever think you're of little account—

Remember, you're part of the total amount.

If they didn't need you, you wouldn't be there,

So always, my lad, keep your chin in the air.

"A digger of ditches, mechanic, or clerk—

Think well of your union, yourself and your work."

—AUTHOR UNKNOWN.

We thought all would enjoy reading this little bit of good advice.

G. H. GILBERT, P. S.

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## Local 1845 Born In Magna, Utah

L. U. 1845, MAGNA, UTAH—Hello, this is the creating of one more baby local, No. 1845 to join the other great and larger locals of our great country.

On June 1, 1953 in Magna, Utah, there was a new local born.

With the help of our very capable Vice President W. C. Wright, and one of his most helpful workers, Mr. Lee Anderson, and the push and determination of our group of 24 men who signed the charter, we are now on our own.

We have a fair territory to cover in this district that has been set out for us as a maintenance local.

Our officers have been elected for a two-year term. They are as follows:

C. L. Hoem, president; McKay Pollock, vice president; C. K. Robison, recording secretary; Edward Harvatin, financial secretary; V. H. Astill, treasurer; R. M. Alexander, L. E. Hansen, and R. L. Isackson, Executive Board; J. C. Pattison, press secretary; L. E. Hansen, shop steward; J. H. Benson, and G. L. Pace, Grievance Committee.

J. C. (PAT) PATTISON, P. S.

## Progress at Pocatello

(Continued from page 13)

Four Program. Our JOURNAL readers will recall we reviewed his work in an article which appeared in the JOURNAL last March, entitled "IBEW in Foreign Lands."

### Technical Assistance

Brother Noxon gave an interesting analysis of the work being done under the Point Four Program of technical assistance and explained what a wonderful job

American "know-how" and "show-how" is doing toward making various countries of the world self-sufficient again.

That concludes our brief report of progress and problems as they were handled in Pocatello at the Eighth District Meet. We wish space would permit a more complete analysis. We do not wish to conclude our account, however, without special mention of the alert, quiet, attention given by the

delegates to every phase of the meeting. These delegates had come to listen and discuss and learn. It was interesting to note also, that the wives who accompanied many of them, attended nearly every meeting and paid strict attention to the proceedings of the sessions.

### Inspiring Session

This was a good meeting, an inspiring meeting and one that must have brought a feeling of pride to all in attendance, just as it engendered pride in your JOURNAL representatives who were privileged to cover the meeting.



# Wire Em

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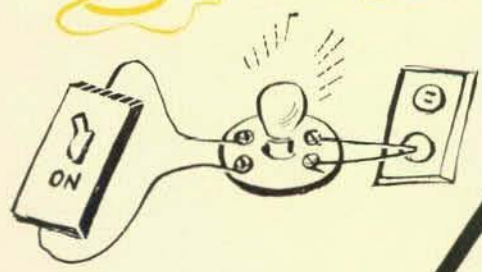
FROM START TO MOON AND NOT TOUCH A STAR ?

**START**

**WHAT'S WRONG HERE ?**



"HELLO, EARTHLINGS!  
HAVE YOU TRIED  
STRTO DUST?"



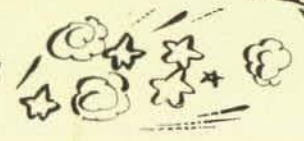
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**Shocking Words:**

RUBBER GLOVES ARE FOR DISHWASHERS....!





## Movie Quiz Answers

1. Lon Chaney.
2. Mary Pickford, whose marriage to Douglas Fairbanks thrilled a nation. She is now married to Buddy Rogers.
3. D. W. Griffith became an all-time movie immortal by producing and directing this early-day "epic."
4. "The Ten Commandments."
5. Greta Garbo. Another of her great pictures was "Grand Hotel."
6. Harold Lloyd.
7. Shirley Temple. Married, she and her family now live in Washington, D.C., where her husband, a naval officer, is on duty.
8. Fatty Arbuckle, whose real name was Roscoe Arbuckle.
9. Clara Bow. "It" was authoress Elinor Glyn's definition for the "something" that made some women more attractive than others of equal good looks. She dubbed Clara Bow as the "It" Girl.
10. Jean Harlow, who died an untimely death while at the height of her stardom.
11. Richard Dix. "Cimmaron" was released in 1931 but Dix had been a star for many years then.
12. The Barrymores; Ethel, Lionel (the famous Dr. Gillespie in the "Dr. Kildare" series) and John (The Great Profile).
13. Rudolph Valentino, whose funeral is still talked of in Hollywood as the most impressive ever held there.
14. "Rain," made famous by Joan Crawford.
15. Hart was one of the best-known cowboys of the early films.
16. Will Rogers, the greatest "home-spun humorist" of the nation.
17. "The Jazz Singer" in 1927 starring Al Jolson. It had only incidental sound, however. Full sound talking pictures came the following year, 1928.
18. Wallace Beery. The two played opposite each other in such well-known comedies as "Tugboat Annie" and "Min and Bill."
19. "Mutiny on the Bounty." Two notable co-stars were Clark Gable and Franchot Tone.
20. Ninety minutes is the usual running time. There are exceptions which run longer although very few features will run any less.

Score yourself 5 points for each correct answer. Compare your score:

- 80-100—Excellent
- 70-79—Good
- 60-69—Average
- 50-59—Probably a little young
- 40-49—You were working too hard those days
- 30-39—Awright . . . so you don't like movies
- 20-29—Mebbe you didn't take enough time?
- 10-19—Tennis anyone?

## Death Claims for August, 1953

L. U.	Name	Amount	L. U.	Name	Amount
1. O. (1)	E. P. Bain	1,000.00	77	G. R. Gahan	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	J. Boster	150.00	77	W. J. Johnson	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	G. W. Brinlow	50.00	80	B. N. Rouse	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	W. A. Gross	1,000.00	86	M. Henthorn	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	B. Leeb	1,000.00	98	J. H. Stith	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	T. J. Lyman	1,000.00	103	J. H. Davis	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	J. Martin	1,000.00	110	J. G. Hankins	1,000.00
1. O. (5)	J. J. Houlahan	1,000.00	124	C. R. Hitchcock	1,000.00
1. O. (6)	G. A. Lovett	1,000.00	125	B. H. Davis	1,000.00
1. O. (6)	M. Kuhn	1,000.00	126	C. E. Bloom	1,000.00
1. O. (6)	T. J. Flynn	1,000.00	130	A. J. Heisel	1,000.00
1. O. (6)	C. Pearson	1,000.00	134	P. Marek	1,000.00
1. O. (6)	W. C. Ulrich	1,000.00	134	L. Lerman	1,000.00
1. O. (6)	H. G. Ross	1,000.00	175	J. C. Rogers	1,000.00
1. O. (17)	J. M. Quinn	1,000.00	177	F. L. Gatlin	1,000.00
1. O. (18)	L. E. Otte	150.00	183	H. E. Marshall	1,000.00
1. O. (50)	N. Henriksen	1,000.00	190	C. L. Moore	1,000.00
1. O. (58)	W. H. Allen	1,000.00	210	S. A. Howarth, Sr.	1,000.00
1. O. (76)	C. A. Bredahl	1,000.00	213	W. Bourne	1,000.00
1. O. (77)	C. E. Vrooman	1,000.00	224	R. S. Singleton	1,000.00
1. O. (194)	T. F. McNamara	1,000.00	259	F. A. Wilkins	1,000.00
1. O. (125)	A. A. Petersen	1,000.00	266	J. H. Hadelsh	1,000.00
1. O. (125)	F. E. Stilling	1,000.00	276	J. F. Welter	1,000.00
1. O. (127)	C. G. McOne	1,000.00	276	W. G. Smith	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	W. S. Arbogast	1,000.00	300	R. A. Bachard	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	C. C. Sherman	1,000.00	302	W. E. Dotson	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	G. A. Getchell	1,000.00	304	O. L. Hieber	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	D. W. House	1,000.00	307	N. Clarke	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	T. J. Carmody	1,000.00	322	A. H. Greene	1,000.00
1. O. (214)	R. J. O'Brien	1,000.00	324	E. H. Sikes	1,000.00
1. O. (276)	W. M. O'Hara	1,000.00	349	P. H. Norman	1,000.00
1. O. (540)	A. E. Blodgett	1,000.00	369	J. P. Lawless	1,000.00
1. O. (144)	J. Lamire	1,000.00	397	W. Vanlier	1,000.00
1. O. (397)	J. F. Klein	1,000.00	417	J. W. Hooke	1,000.00
1. O. (494)	C. Adrian	1,000.00	428	T. V. Boykin	1,000.00
1. O. (528)	C. C. Robertson	1,000.00	460	R. E. Olive	1,000.00
1. O. (715)	H. E. Deland	1,000.00	461	E. Maynard	1,000.00
1. O. (721)	L. J. McKenzie	1,000.00	470	B. L. Stone	1,000.00
1. O. (763)	W. D. Herring	1,000.00	480	J. T. Smith	1,000.00
1. O. (765)	P. H. Leslie	1,000.00	492	H. Spott	1,000.00
1. O. (807)	J. A. Smith	1,000.00	494	R. Spanda	1,000.00
1. O. (919)	W. J. Fricke	1,000.00	494	L. A. Gappa	1,000.00
3	E. Maher	150.00	499	H. W. Wharf	1,000.00
3	J. W. Slater	150.00	504	R. M. Barrett	1,000.00
3	J. Vortier	150.00	557	E. Hoss	1,000.00
3	F. Dieter	150.00	561	S. O'Connor	1,000.00
3	G. H. Damm, Jr.	1,000.00	569	J. Q. McCullough	1,000.00
3	G. H. Major	1,000.00	611	H. L. Granger	1,000.00
3	P. Marcus	1,000.00	618	C. A. Calvert	1,000.00
3	A. M. Boklen	1,000.00	618	L. E. Levi	1,000.00
3	P. S. Schuder	1,000.00	634	G. A. Taylor	1,000.00
3	C. Williams	1,000.00	688	B. Davis	1,000.00
3	J. L. Tedesco	1,000.00	697	J. C. Kibler	1,000.00
3	S. Yosko	1,000.00	700	E. F. Fiedeman	1,000.00
3	S. Tenzer	1,000.00	710	H. L. Baker	1,000.00
3	J. Kriela	1,000.00	719	W. C. Miville	1,000.00
3	J. Howard	1,000.00	734	W. J. Priddy	1,000.00
6	J. Shields, Sr.	1,000.00	738	O. Womack	1,000.00
11	L. E. Zaspel	1,000.00	739	M. H. Campbell	1,000.00
17	E. K. McCadoo	1,000.00	751	P. V. Hunhoff	1,000.00
17	A. K. Hymeman	1,000.00	760	R. C. Kelly	1,000.00
18	J. W. Ashelford	1,000.00	794	F. A. Cooke	1,000.00
18	P. M. Murray	1,000.00	852	A. C. George	1,000.00
18	P. J. Harsen	1,000.00	880	A. McLong	1,000.00
22	H. J. Burnett	1,000.00	885	H. Biel	1,000.00
23	M. Lake	150.00	916	C. P. Bowler	1,000.00
25	G. E. Fenster	1,000.00	925	E. D. James	1,000.00
38	G. J. Heiss	1,000.00	949	F. W. Kiel	1,000.00
38	L. G. Doering	1,000.00	951	W. Mark	1,000.00
38	C. J. Mayer	1,000.00	952	E. E. Carter	1,000.00
45	H. I. Smith	1,000.00	970	H. L. Fristad	1,000.00
47	F. A. Hunter	300.00	1077	M. C. Martin	1,000.00
37	A. Lendrum	300.00	1210	I. Tisdale	1,000.00
51	E. G. Hayes	1,000.00	1245	J. C. Cardinal	1,000.00
51	W. H. Bright	650.00	1302	T. Ambler	1,000.00
58	G. A. Hackett	825.00	1316	L. Stokes	1,000.00
65	J. C. Gilboy	1,000.00	1320	A. Ford	1,000.00
65	W. W. Hignam	1,000.00	1345	J. B. Thomas, Jr.	1,000.00
66	V. W. Vercher	1,000.00	1814	B. Fariss	1,000.00
66	P. Newlin	1,000.00	1814	M. E. Womack	1,000.00
66	H. G. Trauernicht	1,000.00	1831	F. V. Smole	1,000.00
70	P. N. Moore	825.00			
77	R. L. Strospe, Sr.	150.00			
		Total	\$144,375.00		

## Hobby

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ature (1500-1600 degrees) to fuse the ground coat to the metal. Next, a coating of white porcelain enamel is sprayed on the prepared plate and the firing process is done again.

On this surface the artist paints with pigments of ground glass and it is fired a third time. This fuses the pigments to the plate itself and

produces a picture of unusual luminosity. It is unaffected by heat, light, water and all climatic conditions and can be cleaned with soap and water.

We are glad to bring you the story of the star hobbyist of our L. U. 1514 this month, and we should like to say that the Brotherhood is proud of the many members of our organization who are not only competent workmen but artists and artisans as well.



# IN MEMORIAM

## Prayer for Our Deceased Members

*"These hearts were woven of human joys and cares,  
Washed marvelously with sorrow, swift to mirth.  
The years had given them kindness. Dawn was theirs,  
And sunset, and the colors of the earth."*

—RUPERT BROOKE.

*Our Father, we list here in sorrow the names of these our Brothers who so recently were a part of Thy earth, walking among us, watching the sun rise and night come, and performing their daily tasks. Now they are gone. Dear Lord, Thou who art mercy and kindness, Thou who said that not one sparrow falls unheeded by Thee, take these our Brothers home and let them walk with Thee in Paradise. Show them there, where there is no dawn or sunset, the unbroken glories of heaven and let them know and feel the greatest joy of all, the infinite peace of Thy love.*

*And then Lord, for those left on earth, their families and friends whose days are so darkened by their loss, open for a moment the blessed gate of hope. Let them know that today is but a brief prelude to the rich full life that is tomorrow.*

*And we ask Thee too, Lord to help us, all of us who make this prayer. Give us strength to do the right thing day by day. Give us faith to fortify our strength and hope for spirits that wilt so quickly. And most of all, Father, give to us each Thy greatest and most tender gift, charity. Each hour Thou showest Thy love and Thy charity to us. Help us to show it to others every day of our lives till that greatest day when we too will walk with Thee. Amen.*

James W. Springer, L. U. No. 16  
Born January 18, 1878  
Initiated December 31, 1902  
Died August 16, 1953

Leo McComb, L. U. No. 17  
Born January 20, 1923  
Initiated May 24, 1948  
Died August, 1953

Harold J. Burnett, L. U. No. 22  
Born May 11, 1910  
Initiated June 5, 1940  
Died August 6, 1953

Leon R. Kegley, L. U. No. 110  
Born December 27, 1895  
Initiated December 5, 1939  
Died August 19, 1953

Alber J. Heisel, L. U. No. 130  
Born December 14, 1890  
Initiated March 20, 1941  
Died July 26, 1953

Frank J. Ziegler, Jr., L. U. No. 130  
Born February 11, 1917  
Initiated March 7, 1936  
Died June 26, 1953

Herman Baade, L. U. No. 212  
Born June 14, 1880  
Initiated July 27, 1903  
Died July 10, 1953

Frank A. Wilkins, L. U. No. 259  
Born November 20, 1888  
Initiated July 29, 1911  
Died July 30, 1953

Walter David, Jr., L. U. No. 309  
Born May 9, 1925  
Initiated March 2, 1951  
Died August 10, 1953

Burt F. Miller, L. U. No. 310  
Born March 16, 1888  
Initiated May 8, 1950  
Died July 20, 1953

Emerson S. Nelson, L. U. No. 310  
Born December 10, 1890  
Initiated June 3, 1946 in L. U. No. 1487  
Died July 22, 1953

Winthrop E. Steinbach, L. U. No. 310  
Born February 13, 1890  
Initiated February 19, 1946  
Died July 15, 1953

Charlie Newington, L. U. No. 339  
Born February 22, 1877  
Reinitiated October 4, 1929  
Died August 2, 1953

Lester Boland, L. U. No. 349  
Born December 31, 1899  
Initiated January 3, 1947  
Died August 9, 1953

Paul R. Norman, L. U. No. 349  
Born August 22, 1918  
Initiated April 26, 1951  
Died July 28, 1953

Walter M. Cleveland, L. U. No. 353  
Born May 31, 1905  
Initiated March 10, 1927  
Died June 6, 1953

Donald G. MacLennan, L. U. No. 465  
Born January 11, 1901  
Initiated January 28, 1938  
Died June 23, 1953

Harold W. Wharff, L. U. No. 499  
Born October 29, 1903  
Reinitiated October 10, 1946  
Died July 17, 1953

Lawrence Ross, L. U. No. 557  
Born August 20, 1907  
Initiated November 12, 1937  
Died July 21, 1953

I. M. Powell, Sr., L. U. No. 702  
Born 1900  
Initiated December 24, 1945  
Died August 9, 1953

Landis D. Spencer, L. U. No. 734  
Born July 27, 1913  
Initiated March 15, 1951  
Died July 2, 1953

John F. Donovan, L. U. No. 853  
Born August 8, 1888  
Initiated November 27, 1942  
Died July 15, 1953

Helmuth Biel, L. U. No. 885  
Born August 4, 1911  
Reinitiated November 19, 1951  
Died July 9, 1953

Charles Mosser, L. U. No. 1245  
Born April 25, 1890  
Initiated April 1, 1942  
Died August, 1953

Marshal Lane, L. U. No. 1514  
Born March 10, 1919  
Initiated August 13, 1951  
Died July 12, 1953

Frank Tassinari, L. U. No. 1514  
Born March 5, 1905  
Initiated May 13, 1946  
Died June 12, 1953

John H. Sandie, L. U. No. 1712  
Born October 19, 1893  
Reinitiated January 22, 1953  
Died June 5, 1953

James H. Bradley, L. U. No. 1814  
Born August 30, 1903  
Initiated April 6, 1944 in L. U. No. 66  
Died August 19, 1953

Baltazar Farias, L. U. No. 1814  
Born January 6, 1896  
Initiated August 16, 1940 in L. U. No. 824  
Died July 17, 1953

Marion E. Womack, L. U. No. 1814  
Born April 15, 1917  
Initiated September 5, 1940  
Died August 17, 1953



## A SOLDIER'S GOOD BYE

Up in the shell-lit sky,  
Far above the night birds' cry,  
Unseen by a human eye,  
Hovers there my spirit.

I don't say that I was brave,  
To die in a shell hole grave,  
For just now my life I gave,  
So that liberty can inherit.

I once knew life and love,  
And oft in the sky above,  
Heard I the peaceful dove,  
Sing to its mate.

When on my mother's knee,  
Learned I to peaceful be,  
Of a Christ who died for me,  
And not to hate.

Now from my mortal ties,  
Closed are my earth-bound eyes,  
Free now from hates sounds,  
This cup has passed.

Up now my spirit soar,  
Free now to die no more,  
No more shall wars sounds roar,  
I am at peace at last.

J. J. CASHON,  
L. U. 1352, Louisville, Ky.

## GROWING OLD

I've often read and heard some say,  
Which I think is sort of snorty,  
Of years you spend along the way,  
That life begins at forty.  
Now I've had many a strong drink  
And spend of bucks quite a few,  
Broke and on the edge of the brink  
And not a friend that I knew.  
So I finally tried each day  
To do the best I could,  
I slowly saw the rosy  
Hope, tough me, I would.  
Now I am back to normal life  
As happy as can be,  
Forgetting all the old gripes,  
Past forty is the life for me.

PAUL C. STEINER,  
L. U. 134, Chicago, Ill.

## TRAVELER

*Two mosquitoes were conversing on Robinson Crusoe's arm. "I'm leaving," said one. "O.K.," said the other. "I'll see you on Friday."*

*(Remember Tiffany—the traveler from Local 3? He has sent us some impressions of scenes visited.)*

## VENUS D' CAPITOL

(The museum at Rome)

Gosh! fair maid, the porter bids me go!  
Much time has passed since coming—this I know.

I've spun you often on your pedestal  
And stroked your sides the better this to tell.

If you be stone or of the flesh be rated  
Whether Satan or by man created.

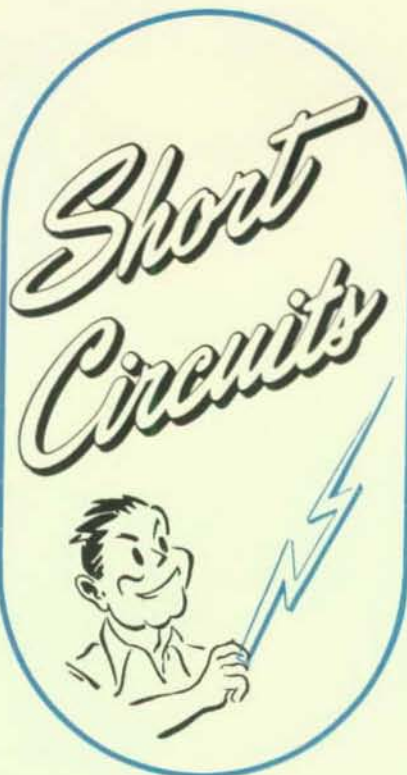
Adieu, sweet charmer, you were kind to me.

Thank heavens you came not from Tennessee!

Where maids cocoon themselves in surplus dressing,  
And blame inclement weather just to keep us men guessing.

The doorman warns me that he'll miss his supper

And yet, sweet Venus, what am I to do?  
Are not the bellies of my eyes to suffer  
If I go now and bid you fond adieu?



In desert nooks where golden rays are warm

I've known some maids their every precious charm

Display—It matters not from Nome or Tennessee

They had for joyful witnesses the sun and me.

The porter is turned angry—he threatens me with law

If I insist on seeing what many times I saw.

It's well past six—he's running down the road—

To jail I must if I don't end this ode.

What care I if prison bands shall bind me!  
For gazing on a maid so fair,—so bold!  
My better years are very far behind me.  
And contemplating poets, too, grow old.

I'd better go, sweet Venus, before the jail door closes.

My love is for the open road, good wine, and red roses;

Tomorrow I'll be back again—I promise without fail

Unless I meet some other maid and land up in a gaol.

TIFFANY,  
L. U. 3, New York, N. Y.

## THE GANDYDANCER

Jimmy Callahan is a gandydancin' man,  
He works on the road when the boss says he can:

The gandydancer's wife puts his dinner in his pail

Kisses him with glamor—sends him down the rail.

Grab up your banjo—take your pick in hand.

Hustle down yonder where the freight trains stand.

Tamp, tamp, tamp is all you ever knew—  
How you tamp when I give you stew!

Hot cakes and honey at the break of dawn,

She has hot biscuits when the day is gone.

The Mississippi mountain has its moonlight and its mules  
But love on the Lackawan' knows no rules.

Grab up your banjo—take your pick in hand.

Move down yonder where the freight trains stand.

Tamp, tamp, tamp, is all you ever knew—  
But how you love when I give you stew!

Casey Jones was a mighty engine man  
He can't compare with Jimmy Callahan.  
Tamp, tamp, tamp, is all he ever knew—  
But how he loves when he gets his stew.

TIFFANY,  
L. U. 3, New York, N. Y.

## CUT IT SHORT

*There was a preacher who, in one of his sermons, told the congregation: "There's a sermon in every blade of grass." One day, a member of the church was passing the pastor's residence when he was mowing his lawn. "That's right, Reverend, cut your sermons short," the member remarked.*

## THE GOLDEN RULE OF A WORKING MAN AND WOMAN

I've handled a pick and shovel, I've sat on a bench in my time,  
I've done heavy work in the heat and the cold and rain,  
I've known all the sweat and the grime  
So when some frosty-eyed expert talks "labor" as if it were coal,  
"A commodity" just dirt—well, I just choke for a spell  
Before I regain my control.

Plague take all this dope economic, books and all its parts  
That plans human toil as a chart,  
I tell you that "labor's" your friends and your neighbors,  
It's folks that have bodies and hearts,  
It's fathers, brothers, and husbands, with mothers, sweethearts and wives,  
Who love, hate, dream and wait, it's real people living their lives.

Maybe I am moss-back, old and rusty, but this is how it looks to me  
Statistics will aid in the plans that you have made.

They are useful to some degree. But all of lore scientific

Will fall down again and again  
Unless in your brain this fact you make plain,

That "labor" mean flesh and blood men,

In brief, it's a problem that human,  
No soulless, heartbreaking "commodity" stuff,

And the very best plan that I have to offer

Is just to be human enough, and when it is finally settled,

(I fear I won't be here by then),  
It won't be by the art of a book, expert or chart,

But by each dealing fairly with each other,

And continuing that way till the end.

JOHN B. MCCAULEY, B. M.  
L. U. 342, Greensboro, N. C.

## TRUTHFUL INSULT

*An artist finished painting the portrait of a haughty dowager, laid down his brushes and invited her to inspect it. She took one glance and flew into a rage. "Why," she said, "if I had wanted to look like that I would have gone to a photographer."*



**End Your  
Speeding**

**or**

**Speed Your  
Ending!**



**You as a worker in the electrical  
industry have nearly 3 times as  
many chances of being killed by a  
motor vehicle as by electric shock.**

**Think it over  
and Slow Down!**